



Homes to go ahead despite protests

CONTROVERSIAL plans to create 65 new homes in Morda have been given the go ahead despite a storm of opposition.

Proposals to build the 65 homes have been approved by Shropshire Council's North Planning Committee.

A full planning application submitted by David Wilson Homes and Jennings Estates to build 65 homes on land west of Morda Bank was approved at a meeting held in Shirehall on Tuesday.

The decision was made despite more than 100 letters of concerns from residents and objections from Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

Concerns were raised that it would lead to the over development of Morda, it would put extra pressure on services such as the local school, and impact on traffic.

But committee members went with the planning officers' recommendation to grant delegated powers to the planning manager to approve the scheme subject to conditions.

Councillor Martin Bennett said: "The site can take some development."

But Councillor David Lloyd told the meeting: "There is a serious question mark over sustainability and the village is limited with local services."

Teachers go on strike at High School

PUPILS at Welshpool High School were given a day off on Tuesday when teachers went on strike over pay and pensions.

John Evans, spokesman for Powys County Council, said: "Parents were informed in advance at the end of last week about Welshpool High School that it was likely to be affected by the strikes."

Schools face further disruption after the National Union of Teachers said it will take strike action along with public sector unions next week.

A national one-day strike will take place next Thursday, July 10, with possible school closures across the country.

Consultation meeting over fire service proposals



Andy Johnson

THE people of Oswestry are being asked to give their views on major cost cutting plans for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service at a meeting on July 15.

The public can question fire chiefs and members of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority about plans to move Shrewsbury's fire control and merge it with a larger 999 control centre outside the county saving £300,000 a year.

"We want the people to give us feedback about what they think

of the proposals," said Assistant Chief Fire Officer Andy Johnson.

"It is an opportunity for members of the public, local councillors and representatives to ask questions about the proposals to fire authority members and senior officers."

The meeting will be held from 6.30pm at Oswestry's fire station. People who wish to attend are asked to register at Shrewsbury fire headquarters on (01743) 260200 before the event.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service has been told it must save another £900,000 over the next six years on top of £3.2m already cut since 2010.

Previous cost cutting plans to close four rural fire stations were scrapped after public opposition.

"We want to provide the excellent service that the Shropshire public expects but for less money," said Mr Johnson.

"There are fears of losing vital local knowledge in directing police,

fire and ambulance to an emergency from a large control centre where 999 operatives do not know the area, but with IT advances, it should be possible to continue to deliver an excellent service from a single merged control centre.

"We are keen to hear if the people of Shropshire agree."

An online questionnaire at www.shropshirefire.gov.uk is available for people to post their views if they are unable to make one of the meetings.

One-way system action needed

CIVIC leaders in Welshpool have branded the town's controversial one-way system as "totally unacceptable" and will now take action with the Welsh Assembly.

Welshpool Town Council said it has pushed for changes to the town's road system for "long enough" and in a statement released this week said it would now be contacting transport minister Edwina Hart.

Councillor John Meredith, chairman of the town council's planning, development and environment committee, said he is urging the Assembly to "get on with making changes."

"In June 2012 a survey was carried out with 40 per cent support for the system as it is now and this rose to 70 per cent support with minor amendments to the system."

"It was always confirmed then and since that the existing road pattern was not going to remain the same as it was."

Councillor Meredith added: "To date there is little or signs that alterations to system are to take place any time soon."

"It is understood that Powys County Council has submitted a plan for the changes to the Welsh Government but that they are not of a mind to approve any changes at this time as there is no funding for the works."

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School out of special measures

AN Oswestry primary school has been taken out of special measures following a visit by Ofsted inspectors.

The inspectors placed Holy Trinity School in special measures in February 2013 but after a recent monitoring visit it has been removed from the category.

Mrs Pam Edwards, the new headteacher said: "During the monitoring visit they found no inadequacies in teaching and learning, behaviour or leadership and management."

"This is fantastic news and means that the school can now continue to move forward."

NEW STORE TO BRING 40 JOBS

UP TO 40 new jobs could be created in Oswestry as a supermarket has revealed its plans for a second store in the town.

Aldi already has a store in the town, but plans to build a new food store on land at Shrewsbury Road.

Hannah Cowking, spokeswoman for Aldi, said: "Aldi's proposal would deliver multi-million pound investment to the area and create up to 40 new jobs for local people, as well as additional employment during the construction phase."

"It would also improve local shopping choice for residents to the south of Oswestry."

"We are excited about the prospect of delivering a new store to Oswestry. Our existing store to the north of Oswestry is trading at full capacity and we are keen to offer additional choice to residents in the south of the town."

"We would like to encourage the local community to come along and find out more about our proposals on July 10 and to meet the project team."

The proposed site is currently unused greenfield land and is part of the Maesbury Industrial Estate, near to the new livestock market which will include a Morrisons supermarket.

Aldi will be holding a public exhibition for residents to meet the team, find out more about the proposals and provide their feedback on the preliminary plans.

The exhibition will be

by Pam Kingsley

held on July 10 between 3pm and 7pm at Oswestry Memorial Hall, Smithfield Street, and will include plans and artist's impressions of the proposed shop.

Mrs Cowking said: "The proposal offers a high-quality single story building featuring high levels of glazing which would give a crisp, modern appearance to the building. Attractive new landscaping and tree planting around the site's boundaries would further enhance the appearance of the proposal site."

"Aldi is also proposing to include a customer car park, accessed off Shrewsbury Road, alongside a separate car park for staff members accessed off Maesbury Road."

The proposed new shop would be a single story modern building with large windows surrounded by landscaping and tree planting around the site's boundaries. There would be 96 parking spaces, 15 of which would be for users with disabilities or parents with young children.

Improve your health at the library



Gill Jones (centre) with The Chronicle's Sue Austin, Ben Leonard, community Coordinator TNS Foundation, and Heather Rodenhurst librarian all taking part in the HeartAge Project

IMPROVE your health by visiting your library - is the unusual suggestion to celebrate Health Information Week.

Oswestry library is at the centre of a national campaign launched to mark the national health week.

Visitors to the library in Arthur Street are being urged to take five minutes out and take a confidential, online test, to find out what their true heart age is.

The Heart Age day will be held on Wednesday, when Gill Jones, Shropshire's heart age project officer will be at the library during the day to help people find their way through the simple test and give advice.

She said: "Shropshire's HeartAge Campaign led by Shropshire Council's public health team in partnership with the HeartAge Partnership is part of an innovative drive to help people understand their heart health and how lifestyle factors can affect it."

"The assessment asks you questions around your age, height, weight, how active you are, and whether you smoke. The test also gives you the opportunity to include your blood pressure and cholesterol levels."

"The aim of the campaign is to motivate residents to adopt healthy lifestyle habits that will help reduce their risk of heart disease, stroke and chronic health problems, such as type 2 diabetes and we hope that comparing your heart age to your actual age gives you an understanding on how healthy your heart is. For those whose heart age is greater than their actual age, Shropshire HeartAge will provide help and advice on how to improve it."

There will be a words for well being poetry morning with writer and tutor, Bethany Rivers between 10.30am and noon. Then between 2-2.30pm there will be a Fruity Friday storyline for children.

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Police launch appeal after dog poisoned by pesticide

Report by Sue Austin

A dog died while being taken on a walk after being poisoned by the remains of a dead bird, it has been revealed.

The discovery has sparked fears that birds of prey are being targeted in a valley near the Shropshire border.

Police have confirmed traces of the banned pesticide Aldicarb were found in the dog's system following laboratory tests. The dog had eaten the remains of a dead blackbird moments before it died.

Banned drinker smashed window

A man who was found drinking in a pub he was banned from smashed a window and broke a door handle after being thrown out by the landlord.

Gareth Jones, 23, of High Street, Welshpool, was banned from drinking in The Talbot pub in the town. But after enjoying a few pints with friends while landlord Daniel Stephens was away from the pub, he was thrown out upon Mr Stephens' return.

Jones, who admitted a charge of criminal damage at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday, was given a 12-month conditional discharge.

He was also ordered to pay £85 costs, a £15 victim surcharge and compensation to Mr Stephens of £50.

Mrs Helen Hall, prosecuting, said: "The defendant has been banned from The Talbot by landlord Mr Stephens."

Mr Robert Hanratty, for Jones, said his client was not on an official Behave or Be Banned banning list."

Officers have warned people walking in the Tanat Valley they could be at risk if they come into contact with the pesticide.

The dog died while being taken on a walk by its owner in forestry west of Llangynog, near Oswestry. It comes after a red kite was poisoned in the area last year.

Sergeant Matthew Howells, wildlife crime liaison officer for Dyfed-Powys Police, is concerned that someone in the community is targeting wildlife and setting down poison baits with an aim to kill birds of prey.

"Evidence showed that the dog had ingested the remains of a black feathered bird, which was suspected of having the poison on it," he said.

Police believe the two incidents are connected and that someone in the area is targeting wildlife, in particular birds of prey.

The police are asking that should anyone have old stocks of the pesticide on their farms to seek advice on its safe disposal.

Anyone who has information is asked to contact Dyfed-Powys Police on 101 and ask for the information to be passed on to Sergeant Howells or alternatively contact CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Hundreds turn out for football and fun



Russell George, AM, opens the fun day watched by members of Andrew Lloyd's family and club officials

AROUND 200 footballers turned out to take part in a tournament held on Saturday in memory of a Forden United player.

The club organised the fun day following the tragic death of 21 year old Andrew Lloyd in a car accident last year in aid of the junior section.

Crowds flocked to the village recreation field for the event opened by Montgomeryshire AM Russell George and attended by MP Glyn Davies.

TV personality Iolo Williams - "The Bird Man" was one of many former players donning his boots again to support the event.

There was also a guest appearance by former Shrewsbury Town, Manchester City and Leyton Orient striker Carl Griffiths in the Forden team, wearing shirts which read "Forever No. 2 Andrew Lloyd FUFC" in memory of their team mate.

Following the player's death the club paid the ultimate tribute by 'retiring' his No. 2 jersey and having it framed and put on display at the Cock Hotel in the village. But they wanted to go a step further and the fun day was a runaway success with side stalls,

an auction, raffle and a barbeque.

"We all felt overwhelmed by the support we received," said Forden manager Neil Breeze.

"The final featured teams from Abermule and Forden which was quite fitting as Andrew played for both. It was a great turn out and we'd like to say a huge thank you."

"We'd like to say a special thanks to Russell George AM for the official opening and Tanners for the sponsorship and everyone who came out to show their support for a fine young man."



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Man spat at police and lied about HIV

A HOTEL worker who spat at a police officer and lied to say he was HIV positive has been placed on an 18-month community order.

Darren Healey, 26, began arguing with colleagues and his partner at The Lion Hotel in Berriew on June 9.

The police were called and Healey spat at Pc Ash Bryce, before telling him he was HIV positive – which turned out to be a lie.

He admitted a charge of assaulting a constable when he appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

In addition to the community order, which will include regular meetings with a probation officer, Healey was also fined £20, ordered to pay £12.86 compensation to the officer for a new pair of trousers, a £60 victim surcharge and £85 costs.

Mr Owain Jones, for Healey, said his client had been attempting to commit suicide on the day and had been suffering severe anxiety.

He added: "He made the lie about having HIV up because he thought it would result in the officers keeping their distance. He is a self-confessed former junkie as he put it and he used to use the same excuse then. He is now in full-time work at the hotel and is making a real go at his life again."

Chance to quiz nurses

OSWESTRY'S Orthopaedic Hospital will hold its annual meeting on July 31 at 2pm.

During the meeting there will be a presentation by senior nurses on delivering outstanding patient care, and a chance to ask questions. All are welcome to attend.

£2m windfall for town council after land sale

by Sue Austin

A £2 million windfall has been received by Oswestry Town Council – with more on the way.

Oswestry Town Council will receive about £4 million from developers for the sale of a parcel of land off Shrewsbury Road, part of the town's livestock market complex.

It has pledged that the money will be ring-fenced, to go to help Oswestry, particularly the local economy. Town Mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, urged anyone with ideas about how the money can be spent to contact the council.

Countdown begins for charity day

ORGANISERS have started the countdown to Welshpool's biggest charity event of the year.

The Montgomeryshire Parachute Regiment will hold their seventh annual fund raiser at Maesydre School on Saturday, July 12.

Money raised in past years went to Help For Heroes and the Afghanistan Trust along with local causes but this year's event will be in aid of The Airborne Forces.

"We have some fantastic bands and singers playing on the day including Billy Spencer and his band, Dai Robs, Steve Edwards, Storm, Static Attic and Fourphit to name just a few," said Nicola Davies, one of the organisers.

"There will be food stalls, a bar, bouncy castles, it's a knockout and a tattoo artist, plus others yet to confirm."

"It's always been a fantastic family day out, whatever the weather, and we have a fantastic group of people supporting us every year."

Tickets are £5 if purchased before the event or £7.50 on the day. Entrance is free to those under 16 but children must be accompanied with gates opening at 1pm with the official opening ceremony at 3pm.

"This year we have been very lucky in that we have got a Mike Phillips Grand Slam limited edition rugby shirt to auction off," added Mrs Davies.

Work is already well underway to relocate the livestock market to a smaller part of its original site. When that is completed work will begin on a shopping and entertainment development.

That will include a multi-screen cinema, a Morrisons superstore and restaurants and other outlets.

Councillor Jones said: "The first payment of the Smithfield windfall from the development taking place has been received."

"The council is maintaining its promise that any funding will be ringfenced for town-wide initiatives and any spending will be in keeping with local and county strategies."

He said these included the town plan and the Oswestry 2020 vision, both of which had been established following extensive consultation.

He said the council was exploring ideas and said that economic development would be one of the priorities.

"At present, investment discussion are taking place and no commitments have been made for any spend. The council wishes to maintain an open door policy for any group or individuals that wish to present ideas to members," he said.

"Priority will be given to economic enhancement and employment creation."

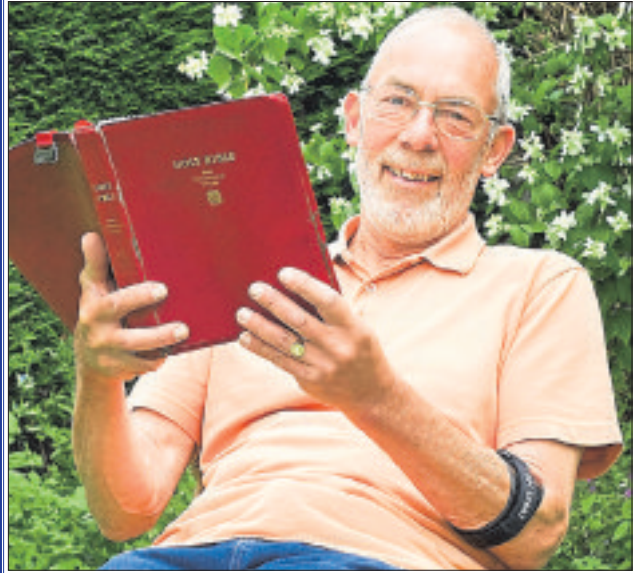
The granting of permission for the development on the land was one of the most controversial in recent years for Oswestry.

Anti-supermarket campaigners objected to the project maintaining that creating an out-of-town superstore would affect the vitality of the town centre.

Those for the development said that a multi-screen cinema was something much needed for the area as cinema goes currently have to travel to Wrexham or Shrewsbury.

Part of the planning permission agreement is for a park and ride bus to run between the complex and the town centre.

Pastor retiring after 35 years



Rev Ken Sykes, from Oswestry

THE pastor of a baptist church in Oswestry is looking forward to climbing mountains and running along the sea front after giving his final sermon at the weekend.

Rev Ken Sykes, who celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday (Wednesday) has retired after 35 years of ministry – the last eight of which have been at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Oswestry.

Ken, who grew up in Huddersfield, said: "I came to Oswestry in November 2006. I've enjoyed the acceptance of the congregation of being who I am. The church has doubled in size since I've been here, but far more important is the growth in trusting in

God and faith." During his time in Oswestry Ken has been involved in setting up the Incredible Edible project in the town, which now has vegetable planters in the church car park, and in beginning a project which will eventually see the church relocate to a new custom-built premises.

"Incredible Edible is a very positive thing for the church which bears directly on the Christian belief that we're responsible for the environment," he said.

He and his wife Lorna, 59, are now looking forward to spending more time with their family and renovating a house on the north Wales coast in Llanfairfechan.

NEWS in brief

Roads closed for roundabout work

WORK has started to improve the Mile End roundabout on the A5 at Oswestry which will see new pedestrian crossings and an extra exit brought in.

The roundabout and junction with A483 near Oswestry was closed at 6.30pm on Tuesday until 7am the following morning and will remain closed overnight for the next few weeks.

The work will involve increasing the size of the existing five arm roundabout to a six arm roundabout as well as realigning the junction to improve traffic flow.

It will see new footways and pedestrian crossings, upgraded traffic lights, road markings, energy efficient LED street lights and a landscaped area at the centre of the roundabout.

Longer hours for railway museum

A MUSEUM'S opening hours have been extended and full size train exhibits brought in as part of celebrations to mark a heritage railway's 150th anniversary.

Enthusiasts at Cambrian Heritage Railway are now opening the museum based at Oswestry Railway Station for four hours a day from Tuesday to Friday. Full scale models of old steam engines are also on display.

It is hoped the move will encourage more people through the door during the busy summer period.

Design award for teenager

A TEENAGER from Oswestry has been given an award for her design of a vintage garden by Shropshire Horticultural Society.

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Gwyneth Prosser, from Abermule, near Newtown, runs her business as part of independent travel company, Travel Counsellors and said she was delighted to have contributed towards the company's success.

The firm received the highly respected travel for international trade having expanded to overseas markets in Ireland, the Netherlands, South Africa, Australia, Canada, Dubai and, most recently, Belgium earlier this year. Gwyneth said: "I am thrilled the company has received this fantastic accolade. Our

international expansion hugely benefits me and my customers as I have access to exclusive products and can draw on the local knowledge and support of fellow travel counsellors in eight countries across the globe, offering my customers a unique level of personal insight into travel destinations worldwide.

"I am so proud to be part of a company that has received the Queen's Award for a second time. Since joining in 2013 I've seen my leisure travel business go from strength to strength.

"I take the time to get to know my clients and their needs to find them the perfect trip that's just right for them. My customers really appreciate the fact that I am always there for them should they need me, something they would not find by booking online."

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NEWS

Businessman drove at 90mph in 30mph zone

By Ellie House

A "fledgling businessman" has been disqualified from driving after he was caught doing three times the speed limit on the outskirts of Neschcliffe.

Roberts, from Cross Keys Inn, Kinnerley, drove at 90mph in 30mph zone, Shrewsbury magistrates heard.

The 20-year-old admitted failing to provide a breath specimen at the roadside when he was stopped by police on June 7.

Prosecutor Sara Beddoes said Davies had been spotted travelling at speed on the A5 near Neschcliffe village, when police gave chase.

Football played at sedate speed

FOOTBALL is often seen as a young man's sport, but older people are being invited to try a more relaxed version of the beautiful game in one of Shropshire's towns.

A walking football club has been started up as part of the Senior Saints programme at The Venue at Park Hall, Oswestry. Organisers are now looking for more members, especially those from the immediate local area.

Shelly McGlinchey, health and active lifestyles coordinator at The New Saints Community Foundation, said she is hoping to encourage both men and women to join in with the sport.

She said: "I've launched the walking football club on Mondays at The Venue and would really like some locals to come.

The main differences are the two rules - no running and no slide tackles. The club meets on Mondays from 12.30pm to 2pm at The Venue, Park Hall. For more information contact Shelly on (01691) 684840.

"Police believe he was travelling at 90pmh in a 30mph zone and he also went on to the wrong side of the road before he braked and came to a stop," she said.

"He was not able to provide a sample of breath at the roadside and was taken to the station where he was only able to provide a partial sample."

Davies said this was due to nerves, and defence solicitor Mr Adrian Roberts said he had never been in trouble before.

Working

Mr Roberts added: "He has let himself down and he has put his licence in jeopardy."

"It was an early morning and he had had a drink after hours the night before and he had been working that day.

"He accepts he drove faster than he should have done but no-one else was put at risk.

"He felt fit to drive and this is an isolated matter."

Davies was disqualified from driving for 12 months and fined £245.

He must also attend a drink driving course.

Nature reserve gets thumbs-up



Carol Booth and Ben Waddhams, wildlife artist, take a look at the poppies on the walk

THE Chronicle's wildlife expert was given a tour of Oswestry's newest nature reserve recently, and declared it a wonderful place for people to get to know more about nature.

Ben Waddhams, a wildlife artist and columnist for the Oswestry and Border Chronicle, was given a guided tour of Shelf Bank and other green areas of the town by Carol Booth, who heads the reserve's friends group.

He will be a guest celebrity at a celebration day at Shelf Bank during its family fun day on August 17.

Mr Waddhams said: "This is a wonderful oasis of green right in the heart of the town. It gives sCarol, who uses a mobility scooter and said: "I moved to Oswestry from Yorkshire two years ago and used to enjoy walking around Shelf Bank with two sticks, a bottle of water and my dog, Molly. The path means I can still enjoy the reserve."

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Branch issues thanks for cash

OSWESTRY Guide Dogs Fundraising Branch has thanked supporters for helping to raise more than £11,500 during the first half of the year.

Lin Stapley, spokeswoman for the group, said: "Since January, we have raised over £11,500 which is due to the generosity of the people of Oswestry and surrounding areas.

"Our latest event was an open garden which raised £326.41. This was because of the kindness of Em and Vic, who opened their fabulous garden for us.

Planned

"We have much planned in the future months, including two days in Santander Bank in Oswestry, so come and see us on Friday throughout the day and on the morning of Saturday.

"We will also be at West Felton Carnival on July 13 and we will be having a street collection in Oswestry on July 19 so please come and say hello."

Anyone who would like to get involved in fundraising for Guide Dogs, would like to volunteer as a boarder or puppy walker, or would like someone to give a talk on the charity is asked to contact Lin Stapley on (01691) 662644.

Attacker spared jail after assault in park

A father-of-two who attacked a park keeper and later stole a schoolboy's mobile phone has been spared jail.

Ryan David Gittings punched Peter Davis on the back of his head after the park keeper asked him and a group of youths to stop kicking a football around in Cae Glas Park in Oswestry.

by Ellie House

The situation had turned nasty after Mr Davis's wife arrived to give her husband his packed lunch and took photographs of the group being abusive to him on her mobile phone, Shrewsbury Magistrates Court was told.

The youths responded angrily and Mr Davis had pushed one of the youths away before Gittings hit him on the back of the head.

Later that day Gittings, 21, then stole a mobile phone belonging to a 15-year-old schoolboy, who hid down an alleyway in an effort to escape.

Gittings, of Unicorn Road, Oswestry, admitted charges of assault by beating and theft in relation to the events of April 12. He was ordered to pay Mr Davis £100 in compensation and must carry out 240 hours of unpaid community work.

Miss Sara Beddow, prosecuting, said: "Mr Davis approached the youths and

asked them to stop but they became abusive.

"His wife arrived to drop off his packed lunch and took pictures of the youths on her mobile phone.

"Mr Gittings then launched himself at Mr Davis without hesitation and punched him to the back of the head."

Mr Adrian Roberts, for Gittings, said his client's actions were partly based on "misplaced loyalty".

He said: "He got himself involved in an incident that did not directly involve him out of misplaced loyalty."

Gittings had moved to Oswestry from Birmingham two years ago to escape a bad crowd, Mr Roberts said.

"He does not have a drink problem but had been drinking on the day in question."

Gittings was also told to pay a £60 charge by magistrates.

Artist is ordained as deacon



Rev Jonathan Skipper from Penybontfawr

AN artist from a village near Oswestry is turning his creative skills to the ministry after being ordained as a deacon by the Bishop of St Asaph.

Jonathan Skipper will serve as assistant curate of Llanfyllin, Bwlch-y-Cibau and Llanwddyn.

Father-of-three Jonathan, from Penybontfawr, said he first considered the call to the ministry at school but drifted away from the church in his teens before dramatically coming back to faith in his early 20s.

Since then Jonathan has sat on the committee of the Greenbelt Christian festival and came up with the name of Christian youth camp Soul Survivor, and has become a dad to three girls - Maybelle, Rosalea and Lilyanna.

He has previously worked as a designer, illustrator and art therapist and said he is looking forward to using his creative gifts within the ministry. "I'm always looking for opportunities to be creative," he said.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Great news this week that OFSTED inspectors have taken Oswestry's Holy Trinity School out of special measures.

It's now 18 months since the inspectors descended on the school and imposed the "special measures" category – I know I was there making a presentation the day it happened.

Being classed in this way is the worst possible thing that can happen to a school and it takes time to get back on track.

It takes time to lift demoralised staff and it takes time for governors to come to terms with the situation.

Holy Trinity School prides itself on its dedicated and hard-working staff. In my experience the children are happy and are encouraged to be kind to each other and to be polite.

Like many other schools Holy Trinity is totally inclusive and welcomes children from all religions.

The children learn through a creative curriculum which is why I was on the premises to talk about newspapers when the suits came visiting.

At the time I was totally shocked by the inspectors' findings and am now delighted to hear the school is now ticking all the right boxes.

We all know that inspections are essential in the education system, but am I alone in thinking that some findings are being made for the sheer sake of it?

Any motorists out there already sick and tired of the number of tractors on the roads at the moment.

We know farmers have a job to do and we know they have to be on the move but isn't there an unwritten code where tractor drivers pull aside to let motorists through?

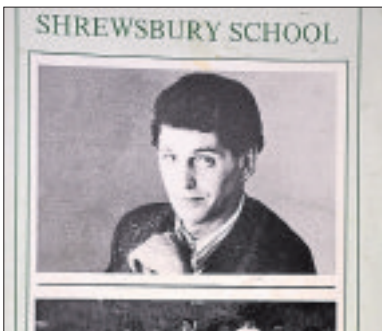
Well not on the A483 between Welshpool and Oswestry there isn't with queues every morning so far this week.

World Cup madness took over in the Breeze household this week when Mrs Breeze proclaimed she wasn't interested in any of the games, claiming that there were "too many foreigners" playing.

You just can't make it up sometimes!



A picture from Alf Dodd's collection showing Bill Cristian, Alf, Brian Smith and Ian Carr of Nucleus



Alf Dodd was with Georgie Fame when he appeared in Shrewsbury



Alf Dodd, former Georgie Fame road manager, pictured with Van Morrison

Alfred was the oldest roadie in the business

Alf on tour with Georgie Fame and mingling with some of the top stars. DAVE MEAKIN reports

THERE is nothing unusual about Alfred Dodd. He appears like any other pensioner you might see walking the streets of a town any day of the week.

But the 89-year-old has lived a life that many music obsessed teenagers can only dream of. From 1970 until 2000, he was a roadie and "tour manager" for some of the most iconic names in British jazz and rock 'n' roll, including the legendary Georgie Fame.

And his longevity in the business earned him the title "oldest roadie in the business" from Georgie.

Alfred said: "It all started in the 60s when I got a call from a guy in Peckham asking if I could give the prog rock band Raw Material a hand moving some equipment. I had a van you see and we lived in the same area, so I suppose that's why they thought of me."

Beginning with that initial call, Alfred found himself increasingly in demand with local musicians looking for someone to give them a hand with their equipment at short notice. He continued to do this until 1970, at which point he found a job that would last 12 years and result in him meeting some of the biggest names in Music history.

"I was hired in 1970 as tour manager for the band Nucleus, which at the time was a really pioneering jazz rock band," he said. "Backstage, I did almost everything for them, sound testing, equipment checks, bookings – everything."

"It was fun but there it was a lot of hard work involved too. We once did four



Alf Dodd looks back on some of his best memories

tours of Italy in one year. And while everyone else in the band flew out there, I was responsible for taking the equipment overland in the van.

"Those were crazy times. Looking back now, I think most of our agents in Italy were part of the mafia."

Mr Dodd said he was staying in Belgium when he received the call from arguably his most famous former employer.

He said: "It was 1974, and I was still with Nucleus at the time. I got wind that Georgie Fame was looking for someone to lug around his hammer organ. And so began a working relationship that would last almost twenty six years."

Though not as well known as some of his contemporaries, Fame is still a popular performer, and is the only British artist to achieve three number ones

with his only top ten chart entries.

"It was when I was working for Georgie – or Clive as I always called him, that I met the likes of Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney. I also used to know Van Morrison quite well, in fact, he once asked me to be his tour manager, but I told him I had enough grey hairs already."

Mr Dodd continued to work for Georgie until 2000, when he left the music industry and moved up to Shropshire to retire, but not before he'd been given the unofficial title of "oldest roadie in the business".

Nucleus was trumpet player and confirmed jazzman Ian Carr's project and was sometimes called "Ian Carr's Nucleus", "Nucleus With Ian Carr" or simply "Ian Carr" – but with all Nucleus members playing.

Many outstanding musicians contrib-

uted loads of material among which Karl Jenkins, Jeff Clyne, Chris Spedding, Alan Holdsworth, Brian Smith & Dave MacRae.

Their music was of a frantic instrumental jazz-rock much alike some Miles Davis jazz-rock of the same era.

The groundbreaking essence of Nucleus is best heard on the early albums as the later albums only managed to repeat the formula.

Nucleus lasted as a touring unit until the early 80's and then reformed on the odd occasion. Ian Carr died in 2009.

Georgie Fame was born Clive Powell in June 1943. The one-time rock and roll tour musician, who had a string of 1960s hits, is still a popular performer, often working with contemporaries such as Van Morrison and Bill Wyman having previously worked with The Blue Flames.

Fame is the only British pop star to have achieved three number one hits with his only Top 10 chart entries: "Yeh Yeh" in 1964, "Getaway" in 1966 and "The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde" in 1967.

Fame's version of the Bobby Hebb song "Sunny" made No. 13 in the UK charts in September 1966. The follow-up, "Sitting In The Park", a Billy Stewart cover, made No. 12.

His greatest chart success was "The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde" in 1967, which was a number one hit in the United Kingdom, and No.7 in the United States.

"Yeh Yeh" and "The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde" sold over one million copies, and were awarded gold discs.

Fame continued playing into the 1970s, having a hit, "Rosetta", with his close friend Alan Price, ex-keyboard player of the Animals, in 1971, and they worked together extensively for a time.

In 1974, Fame reformed the Blue Flames and also began to sing with Europe's finest orchestras and big bands.

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On Sunday, I visited America's largest speciality food show in New York to see an impressive range of UK products, including a vast number of cheeses, a product that we now make more varieties of than the French.

It was clear to me from the buzz around the stands that the opportunities for British companies to sell innovative, top quality products are huge.

It is against this backdrop that one of the main focuses of the visit has been the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, which aims to promote trade between the European Union and the United States.

On Monday I met my American counterpart, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, in Washington to discuss how we can work together to make progress on what could be a transformative free trade deal.

I also raised specific products that we're keen to see back on US supermarket shelves, not least British beef and lamb.

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DALE QUENTIN Powys

See justice for family

FOLLOWING the reports in the papers last week regarding a school denying a nine-year-old boy the opportunity to attend his mother's wedding, may I suggest that the family takes its case to the Human Rights Commission in Brussels?

After all, if convicted criminals can get 'justice' from Brussels for the right to family life, how much more deserving is this family?

CHRIS ADAMS West Felton

Unrealistic goal from Brussels

I TURNED on the television to see a council official introducing a tenant to 14 more recycling boxes, it was a comedy show.

But it is being given serious consideration, and by guess who? Correct, the European Union.

The community in Brussels, not of this planet, wants to set a legally binding 70 per cent recycling target for all local authorities.

Why is it that in all of these proposals, logic and common sense are put aside and disorganised lunacy moves in?

No one considers the householder, their already punitive council tax, probable lack of space for more bins, increased, (and unpaid for) effort required.

No one considers the dreadful and often disgusting sight and smell of pavements covered with multi-coloured bins which, more often than not, stay there until the next collection.

Two bins are required, one for food waste and another for the rest - plastic, metals, paper, cardboard and glass. It would require a refuse truck with

just two compartments instead of seven or eight.

It would go to a central point with conveyor and containers for segregation.

It worked in a thousand coal mines without problem, it was called screening, removing the rubbish and leaving the coal, and it would cost a fraction of the present ludicrous proposals.

One thing is perfectly clear to all, it is the European Union which ought to be recycled - and soon.

BOB WYDELL Oswestry

Busy auction at Smithfield in late 1920s



This undated but perhaps late 1920s picture shows Oswestry's Smithfield cattle and livestock market, and comes from an original loaned to us by Ray Farlow, Bridgnorth postcard collector. On the reverse it says it is a 'Princess' Series R.M. & S. Ltd postcard.

Millions are choosing to be Christian

ALLAN Tucker says Ron Jones is bound to be a Christian rather than Muslim or some other religion because he was born here. He has a point, but becoming a Christian is a personal choice.

Going to church or being christened doesn't make you one. It's when a person decides to give their whole life to pleasing and serving Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus was one of pure love and that's how he wants us to live. Millions are making that choice worldwide. In Iran, it is said a million have made the choice to follow Christ at great personal cost and in China, where the Communists tried to kill them all, there are now over 100 million Christians.

RON JONES St Martins

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Week to celebrate older generation

AGE Cymru is Wales's leading charity for older people. I am pleased to announce that September 28 to October 5 will be Age Cymru's first Age Positive Week.

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We believe this celebration is vital to counter the negative stereotyping of older people and the ageism that we all too often see, hear or experience in society.

If you would like an information pack about Age Positive Week, please call 029 2043 1555 or email: agepositive@agecymru.org.uk. You can also find out more by visiting: www.agecymru.org.uk/agepositive

IAN THOMAS Age Cymru

Fracking should get go-ahead

HOW disappointed I was to read in your newspaper that Keith Barrow was going to stop fracking in Shropshire.

Does he not know how desperate we are for new sources of energy so we do not depend on foreigners?

He says he is worried about the unknown.

If this attitude was taken previously we would still be in the Dark Ages. Don't stand in the way of progress.

America uses fracking to the benefit of its consumers, gas prices have fallen.

I'm sure if there was anything untoward with this process the Americans would have picked it up and sorted it out. Lets move into the 21st century.

BERNHARD DOOGAN, Whittington.

LETTERS A single hospital site is required

I ATTENDED the recent Hospital Trust Board meeting. The Future Fit model was presented.

A compelling and convincing argument was articulated for a single site, clinician-led model.

Anyone listening to the case put forward by Dr Borman, medical director, could not fail but to be convinced of the determination and commitment of clinicians to prioritise patients, in the provision of both acute and urgent care provision, closer to home across the county.

The duplication of services, staffing and equipment across two sites dilutes the quality of care and creates inefficiencies.

A single acute site brings the workforce together with a single culture and a single goal: to provide the highest standard of patient care.

It must be intensely frustrating for clinicians to have this vision for better healthcare for Shropshire, constantly portrayed as a downgrading of services, by those who either have not understood the arguments or who have a political agenda to pursue.

I fully support the single site model having listened carefully to the argument - for the sole reason that better patient care will be delivered to residents, both in the acute, planned and urgent care sectors.

LUCY ALLAN, Dawley, Telford.

Christmas cards on sale

IT was Tuesday June 24 and I was shopping at the excellent Home Bargains store in Oswestry.

I was shocked and amazed to note they had Christmas items on display!

We all know that Christmas seems to start earlier every year, but come on, this decision is just plain ridiculous.

Hopefully the manager will read this and remove the offending items until a more appropriate time.

Might I suggest that he chooses a date some time in or about late November for this stock to be sold?

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NEWS
in briefPCC names new
head of schools

A FORMER head teacher and education officer with 15 years' experience has been appointed head of schools by Powys County Council.

Ian Roberts of Tregynon near Newtown, who had been interim head of schools since April 2013, was appointed by the county council last week.

Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Councillor Myfanwy Alexander said: "Ian has proved himself to be a strong and focussed leader through a period of considerable uncertainty. I am confident the authority will be able to support our schools."

Civic service will
mark WWI start

A CIVIC service to commemorate the start of World War I will be held in Oswestry on August 3.

The service at St Oswald's Church will be led by the vicar, Rev Simon Thorburn, who said it will have a different tone to the annual Remembrance Day services, remembering King Oswald and Wilfred Owen. "The service will not be another version of Remembrance Sunday, which will have its own place as usual in November," Rev Thorburn said.

The service will start at 11am and all are welcome.

Petition asking for lights to go back on in town

by Pam Kingsley

A PETITION signed by more than 230 people in two weeks is calling on a town council to reverse its decision to switch off street lights after midnight.

Now the mayor of Oswestry, Councillor John Gareth Jones, has called for a review of street lighting in the town.

Changes were made to Oswestry's lighting in April as part of a county-wide programme by Shropshire Council of what is known as "part night lighting" which sees lights turned off between midnight and 5.30am to cut carbon and reduce energy bills.

Member quits role at council

A MEMBER of Powys County Council's cabinet has resigned due to personal reasons.

Councillor Steve Davies, cabinet member for communications, HR and ICT, said he is standing down from his cabinet position, which he has held since January.

Councillor Davies said: "It is with deep regret that I have tendered my resignation from the cabinet."

"Due to personal family circumstance I am finding it impossible to fulfil my cabinet responsibilities in the manner that I would like to do so and under the circumstances feel I must resign from the cabinet."

Councillor Barry Thomas, leader of the council, said: "I fully understand and support Steve's reasons for standing down and have accepted his resignation. My cabinet colleagues and I wish him well for the future and thank him for his contribution."

But hundreds of residents and regular visitors to the town centre have now signed the Re-light Oswestry Post Midnight petition, which was started by graphic design student Jordan Bradbury, 18.

Miss Bradbury, who has worked as a barmaid in the town and often left work after midnight, said: "While saving energy and money is important, we feel endangering the lives of the public is not worth the price. Most weekends, many of the pubs and clubs close up after this point, which means there are a variety of intoxicated and sober pedestrians in what is now a pitch dark endeavour."

Councillor Jones said he could see Miss Bradbury's point of view. "The town centre and main roads have not been switched off, it's the outlying areas that have been switched off," he said.

"Coney Green stays on because that would be quite dangerous if it was dark, and anywhere with CCTV cameras they're on all night."

Last month some residents in Gobowen called for some of their lights to be turned back on but parish councillors said no.

Workers join race for life



SHREWS NEWS WITH STORY AND VIDEO Thousands

COLLEAGUES from all sorts of places of work were in the pink to beat cancer at Shrewsbury on Sunday.

Friends from The Caxton Surgery, in Oswestry were out in full force as their team geared up to hit the track.

Amy Jones, just one of the 15 members of the team, said: "I lost my sister in law to cancer not too long ago, and there are other people on the team who know people with it. It's true that everyone really is affected."

"Obviously being a surgery we have patients with cancer or affected by it, and we are all very touched in one way or another. So we just thought it would be a great idea to start putting a bucket out in the surgery and do something about it, so we've all come together to support each other."

Women from across the region took to the West Midland Showground decked out from head to toe in pink with over £85,000 raised.

Off-road drivers damaging landscape

ILLEGAL offroaders from all parts of the UK and even abroad are churning up a picturesque valley near Oswestry, it has been claimed.

The offroading in the Ceiriog Valley is destroying by-roads, bridleways and footpaths in the area, famously described by British Prime Minister David Lloyd George as "A Little Bit of Heaven on Earth".

The valley is being advertised online as an ideal place to offroad and motorists are arriving from all over England and even abroad, according to Councillor Barbara Roberts, who represents the area on Wrexham County Borough Council.

Councillor Roberts said more than 100 people attended a public meeting in Glyn Ceiriog to air their concerns.

"It was said at the meeting this was a police matter and the police are looking into it but it was said some of these offroaders have no respect for the police - they use mobiles to tell each other where the police are. She said: "People at the meeting were disappointed council officers were not there."

"It was agreed to take the issue back to Wrexham Council."

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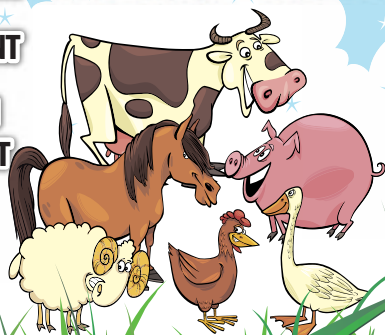
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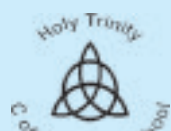


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Group is slammed for fort dig plan

CAMPAIGNERS fighting housing development by a Shropshire hillfort have spoken out over plans for an archaeological dig at the Iron Age site.

The Hands off Old Oswestry Hillfort group says English Heritage is operating double standards for planning the excavation while at the same time not ensuring that planned developments in the shadow of the iron age ancient monument are not built.

English Heritage has chosen Old Oswestry hillfort for a major commemorative project in 2016 to explore the story of its military role during World War One.

Dr Heather Sabire, of English Heritage, has revealed that the project will investigate the remains of the hillfort's military use and wartime connection with the nearby Park Hall Camp.

Local people will be able to get involved in the excavations of sections of practice trenches dug on top of the hillfort during World War One.

While welcoming the project, Kate Clarke, from the campaign group, said: "How can English Heritage be investing in archaeological research while allowing proposed housing in its shadow?"

Yobs littering recreation ground with beer bottles

YOBs are littering a recreation ground with dozens of broken beer bottles on a weekly basis, councillors heard.

Welshpool Town Council said it wants to step up action to tackle the anti-social behaviour which is blighting the town, especially at the Maes y Dre Recreation Ground and the Country Park near the

Flash Leisure Centre.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, told the last meeting of Welshpool Town Council that eight black bin bags of broken bottles were collected from the ground during one clean up earlier this month and councillors have vowed to help tackle the issue.

The council will look at the possibility of installing a security light or better CCTV at the Recreation Ground and have also asked Dyfed-Powys Police to step up patrols.

Mr Robinson said: "The mayor Councillor Malcolm Douglass has asked us to discuss this matter because it is a problem we as a town are facing."

"There has been the usual problem with litter and broken beer bottles at Maes y Dre but things have got slightly better at the country park."

"At Maes y Dre it took two

by Andrew Morris

staff seven hours to clean it up one Monday morning and they had seven or eight sacks of rubbish containing broken beer bottles at the end of it.

"There is also the problem of rubbish and dirty nappies being dumped. The sad thing is, there are bins there which are not even full so it is pure anti-social."

Councillor Douglass said: "I was lost for words when I saw the mess two weeks ago and it something we have really got to look at and tackle."

Mr Robinson added that Dyfed-Powys Police Commissioner Christopher Salmon had been due to attend the town council meeting after a visit to Welshpool in the day but will now meet councillors on September 3 instead.

Councillor Ann Holloway said: "I want to see him to meet us as a group."

Twelve complete three peaks challenge



The group at the top of Ben Nevis

A GROUP of fundraisers from Oswestry have completed the Three Peaks Challenge to bring in cash to fund a trip to Montenegro next year.

The PurpleFish Three Peaks Challenge saw 12 men take on Britain's highest summits.

Organiser VJ Lonsdale, said: "The challenge was to climb the three tallest mountains in Britain in 24 hours

- that's Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. The finish times ranged from 22hr 20m to 24hr 15m, but what's 15 minutes? They all did fantastic - a great achievement."

Miss Lonsdale said the money raised will go towards the PurpleFish charity of the year, which is a literacy project for street children in Montenegro.

She said: "Next year we will take a

team of people to Bar, Montenegro, to get involved with a group who have set up a literacy project which helps local children learn basic literacy and numeracy skills. We will build an outdoor shelter with benches and tables where the children can sit and write, do their lessons and play games."

To donate visit www.mydonate.bt.com/events/purplefish3peaks

NEWS in brief

Summer fun at college campus

COLLEGE bosses in Shropshire are ensuring there is plenty on offer for children this summer.

Activities supported by Walford and North Shropshire College include a chance to learn how to be a keeper for a day at its animal care centre. New for this year is a collaboration between the college and the Shrewsbury Town Football Club Community Trust. And a holiday club will once again be run by Footsteps Nursery.

College marketing assistant Joseph Edwards said: "The 'Be a Keeper for the Day Experience' is available to children aged eight and over."

Scenic walk aims to boost tourism

A SCENIC walk will be held along the Montgomery canal as part of a push to attract more tourists.

The event, part of Welshpool Tourist Week, takes place on July 3.

Spokesman Freda Davies said: "The walk will take visitors along the towpath to Belan Locks and return to Welshpool via Coed y dinas Nature Reserve."

"It will take about two to three hours to complete and it's free for everyone to join in."

Walkers are asked to meet at Welshpool Museum at 2pm. Call Ms Davies on (01938) 552817.

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NEWS
in briefOrgan donation
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INFORMATION sessions will be held in Welshpool during National Transplant Week to explain the new opt-out legislation which will come into force in Wales next year.

Sessions will be held at Sainsbury's from 9am to 11am on July 9.

They are a series of more than 50 Time to Talk organ donation events which will be held to provide the public with information on the new opt-out legislation which will come into force in Wales on December 1.

Challenging reads
at local library

YOUNGSTERS in the Welshpool area are being encouraged to visit their local library over the summer holidays to take part in a mythical reading challenge.

Mythical Maze - this year's Summer Reading Challenge has been organised by The Reading Agency in partnership with Powys County Council.

Chairman's role
given to Margaret

MARGARET Pepper was installed as the chairman of Welshpool Inner Wheel Club at the annual meeting at Sweeney Hall Hotel, Oswestry. Outgoing president Patricia Talbot handed over the chain of office and presente medals.

Councillors argue over town's one way system

by Andrew Morris

A CONTROVERSIAL one way system is a major accident waiting to happen, a councillor has warned.

Welshpool Town Council was told that the town's new road system is still not working and will result in a serious accident.

But another councillor warned that the council needed to stop "trying to re-write history" and admit it was involved in the planning process.

Councillor Brendan McWhinnie said: "The one way system is dangerous and it is a matter of time before something very serious happens. It is an accident waiting to happen and I am worried this system could cause it."

Family fun at village event

A village show is aiming to be bigger and better than ever.

Organisers of Leighton Village Show, near Welshpool, which will be held on the Leighton Estate on September 6, say there will be a full programme of activities including children's sports, tractor-reversing, bale-tossing, a dog show, vintage vehicles and mini-digger driving.

There will also be stalls, food and an evening hog roast.

Sally Green, one of the organisers, said: "Leighton Village Show promises to be even bigger and better than ever."

"We are hoping for record entries in every class from photographs to scarecrows, so get planning and send us your entries."

Details are available at www.leightonnew.com or by calling Ms Green on 07511 434793.

Couple celebrating award



Norman and Fiona Potts celebrating a double success

A COUPLE who run a farm-house bed and breakfast and campsite business near Welshpool are celebrating a notable double.

Norman and Fiona Potts, who run Gwaenynog Farmhouse at Dolanog have achieved a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award for 2014 and have also become a licenced venue to hold weddings and civil partnerships.

The award celebrates hospitality excellence and is given only to hospitality businesses that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on TripAdvisor.

"We are thrilled to receive the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award as we've only been going for four years," said Fiona.

"We were prompted to apply for a licence for wedding and civil partnerships because a family member wanted to get married here."

The couple are members of the Mid Wales Tourism group.

Award to be given to young swimmers

A NEW swimming award for children under the age of eight is now available at the Powys County Council run swimming pool at The Flash Leisure Centre.

The Powys Swim Standard Award has been designed to complement and support the council's child admission policy for under eights swimming.

All children under the age of eight need to be accompanied by a responsible person if they use one of the council's swimming pools.

Currently children aged between four and seven must be accompanied by a responsible person on a maximum two-to-one basis. But the new award allows entry for one additional child under the age of eight if they have met the criteria.

The criteria for the Swim Standard Award is to swim 20 metres in under one minute, jump from the side into the deepest part of the pool so that the head is fully submerged and then tread water for 30 seconds.

The award is available if they have successfully met the criteria. The cost of the award is £2.50, which is additional to the pool entry charge at time of the swim test. The swim test is available during public swimming sessions.

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NEWS
in briefSexual health
charity in appeal

A NEW charity set up to provide education on sexually transmitted infections and diseases is looking for volunteers to join its team.

HIVy has been set up in Oswestry to educate primarily 16 to 25-year-olds about the diseases and to try to de-stigmatise how they are viewed.

The group plans to run its first sessions in sexual health week in September and is trying to raise £10,000 to fund the launch.

To help get the project off the ground the group is looking for a secretary to proofread promotional materials and take minutes at meetings. Email admin@hivypop.org.uk

Village gearing
up for carnival

RESIDENTS of West Felton are gearing up for the 'fun-packed, spectacular' that is their annual Summer Carnival.

Held on July 13, the festivities will start with a procession led by Joseph Bevan and Sarah Roberts – the Carnival King and Queen – and their attendants who will lead a procession of decorated floats through the village at 1.30pm from the village hall.

For more information about the event or to book a stall, call Eileen on (01691) 610629.

999 response time better but still missing targets

by Andrew Morris

AMBULANCE response times in Mid Wales have improved for the second month running – but are still way behind national targets.

Figures for May show that 58.6 per cent of emergency ambulances in Powys reached the scene within the target time of eight minutes, which is up from 57.8 per cent last month and 54.7 per cent in March.

But it is still some way short of the 65 per cent target set by the Welsh Assembly.

The Welsh Ambulance Service was called to 559 Category A – immediately life threatening – emergencies in Powys during May, arriving at 319 within the eight minute window.

In April it reached 289 out of 514, while in February the figure was 278 out of 512 (55.9 per cent).

The ambulance service has put its performance in Powys down to the rural nature of the county, a claim accepted by critics. But ministers have now demanded "urgent improvement."

A Welsh Assembly spokesman said: "The Welsh Ambulance Service itself needs to demonstrate urgent improvement in its performance."

"The Welsh Government investment has up-graded the ambulance fleet. It is now for the Welsh Ambulance Service to turn all this into the required standard of performance."

Plaid Cymru health spokeswoman Elin Jones said: "More than a year since the Welsh government carried out a review of the service we continue to wait for progress. Welsh Liberal Democrat leader Kirsty Williams, who is also Brecon and Radnor AM, added: "This situation is getting worse but the Welsh Labour government is still failing to do anything about it."

"And smiles in the corridor mean a lot to patients who may be worried going into theatre."

Trust board chairman Russell Hardy said he wanted the hospital to maintain its reputation as a friendly place to be treated and said smiling at patients was important.

Hospital wants staff to smile

STAFF at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital are being encouraged to smile more in a bid to improve patient care.

The recommendation has been made as part of the quality strategy which has been drawn up at the hospital.

Jayne Downey, director of nursing, was in charge of writing the strategy which was presented to the hospital trust board.

She said: "We want to build some things into our strategy. The main one is that we'll always introduce ourselves. There's nothing worse than not knowing who you're talking to."

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Musical honour for girl, 9



Rowena Evans from Ruyton XI Towns with her award

A NINE-year-old girl from north Shropshire with aspirations to become a professional harpist has won a prestigious award at a top music college.

Rowena Jones, from Ruyton-XI-Towns, was presented with the Katy Jones Award for outstanding achievement by staff at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

Rowena, who used to live in Calverhall, near Whitchurch, gained a place in the college's junior section last year and said her love for music started at about the age of three.

Her mum Jayne said her daughter has a lot of enthusiasm for music and was hopeful she will go a long way.

She said: "Her first year is over and on Saturday she won the Katy Jones Award which is for outstanding achievement for the whole three year foundation section."

"What a first year."

AM heads calls for curbs on junk mail

A POLITICIAN is campaigning for a crackdown on junk mail being delivered to homes in the region.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said the average household in Mid Wales receives more than 400 items of unwanted junk mail every year.

Now Mr George said he wants residents to have their say on the matter in a new consultation.

"Nuisance junk mail is of particular concern to elderly and vulnerable people, who are often the target for scams. While the Royal Mail has opt-outs for unsolicited junk mail, awareness of the schemes is low."

"One suggestion among a range in the consultation is a levy on junk mail paid by the sender per item of mail – money which could be reinvested in the forests and making our natural environment more sustainable."

The production of every tonne of junk mail requires 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water, Mr George said.

Mr George, the Assembly's shadow minister for natural resources, said: "'I urge the public to take part in our consultation and have their say."

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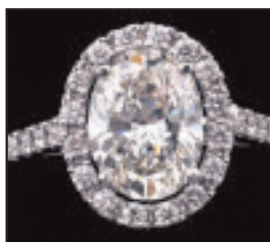
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NEWS
in brief

Food safety calls backed by council

COUNCIL bosses have backed a campaign to raise awareness of food poisoning.

Powys County Council said it is joining the fight against campylobacter, which is the most common type of food poisoning and is caused by bacteria on raw poultry.

Nina Purcell, director of the Food Standards Agency in Wales, said: "This is a serious problem and we are calling on the whole industry to act together to tackle it. People in Powys can do their part by handling and preparing chicken with extra care – don't wash raw chicken, cook it properly and enjoy it safely."

Digital tablets are given to officers

POLICE officers in Mid Wales have been given handheld tablets to access vital information on the move.

Officers in Powys have been given Samsung Galaxy 3 Note tablets so they can access the Police National Computer while on the move.

Officials at Dyfed-Powys Police said it was for a two-month trial period.

They will be able to log information; issue fixed penalty notices and various traffic offences as well as being able to record crime and incidents of domestic abuse.

Grid boss promises to put cables underground

by Andrew Morris

THE boss of National Grid has pledged to bury power lines carrying energy generated by wind turbines underground if overhead cables damage the landscape.

Steve Holliday, chief executive of National Grid, said that while it costs more to bury the cables, it is willing to pay the price if it means preserving the countryside.

The National Grid's proposed Mid Wales Connection Project would see a 33-mile 400kv power line link a sub-station harnessing power from proposed wind farms in north Powys into the grid at Lower Frankton, near Ellesmere.

It has already revealed that it wants to bury eight miles of the cable past Meifod, near Welshpool.

Mr Halliday said National Grid as a company looks at whether burying the cables underground will be worthwhile in its projects and often bury up to 20 per cent of the lines.

Speaking in general terms, he said: "It is expensive to bury the cables underground but I do see it happening more and more."

"We have huge consultation into plans which we carry out and you have to get the balance right. There can be 20 per cent underground now, which compared to 40 or 50 years ago was zero. It is expensive. But there a piece of land that as a society where we would like to protect. Is that view is it worth paying for?"

The National Grid said an update on the Mid Wales Connection Project will come later in 2014.

It said that following the latest consultation period on the preferred substation site in Cefn Coch, and the draft route, it is considering all the feedback to help develop a final proposal, to include sites and designs for pylons.

This proposal will be presented to communities later this year for further comments.

Nominate best baby care staff

PARENTS in Powys are being asked to help give special recognition to the hard working professionals across Wales whose skill and dedication is providing thousands of youngsters with a flying start in life.

A new award entitled 'Stars in their Lives' aims to highlight the contribution made to youngsters in their crucial early years by staff such as health visitors, midwives, parenting and learning support specialists and other childcare and development workers.

The accolades are targeted specifically at workers operating in Flying Start areas – districts and neighbourhoods where families are facing highest levels of disadvantage and the biggest challenges in raising their children.

To nominate someone for an award, visit: www.facebook.com/FlyingStartWales by August 31.

Student gets taste for success



Drew at work at Walford and North Shropshire College

A STUDENT says his taste for a culinary career has been heightened after spending a work placement in the kitchens of TV chef Heston Blumenthal's London restaurant.

Drew Morris, a hospitality and catering student at Oswestry's Walford and North Shropshire College, spent two weeks at the famous chef's kitchens as part of his course.

Students have to arrange the placement themselves and Drew emailed Heston Blumenthal's human resources department to find out if he could carry out his placement at the restaurant.

Drew commented said: "Heston is my main inspiration for getting into catering."

"I was over the moon when I got the opportunity to complete my work experience at the Dinner by Heston Blumenthal in London."

"The experience inspired me to work harder. I'd love to work in a Michelin-starred restaurant."

Watchdog rules out inquiry on collision

A POLICE watchdog has ruled out investigating the death of a motorcyclist who died after colliding with another car near a vehicle checkpoint.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission will take no further action into the accident on June 1, which saw a motorbike ridden by 29-year-old Melanie Lakin involved in a crash with a car which had stopped while approaching a police roadblock on the A458 near Welshpool.

Miss Lakin, from Tamworth, died following the crash and Dyfed-Powys Police voluntarily referred the matter to the IPCC.

But the authority said it had assessed the information and was not taking the matter any further.

Miss Lakin had been returning home from a picnic with her boyfriend Oliver at Bala Lake when the accident happened.

The collision happened when a marked police motorcyclist was carrying out checks on vehicles.

In a tribute released after her death, Miss Lakin's family said: "Melanie was a kind, caring and generous person. She was a keen motorcyclist who loved life, people, nature and animals."



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in brief**Hospital running at maximum capacity**

HOSPITALS in Shropshire are running at almost maximum capacity, putting a huge strain on services, it has been warned.

And the situation will get worse in future years because of the county's ageing population.

Wards at Shrewsbury Royal Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital are 96 per cent full.

That is significantly higher than the 82 per cent figure that is deemed to be safe by the Royal College of Surgeons.

Hospitals programme director Debbie Vogler said: "This means we have not got the flow in and out of the hospital right."

MP backs clean slate proposal

PLANS to "wipe clean" the criminal records of youngsters who have committed low level crimes have been backed by a politician from Mid Wales.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies has claimed such convictions make it harder for youths to get jobs in adult life. He has supported a review led by Former Montgomeryshire MP Lord Carlile QC of Berriew into dropping criminal records for such youths who commit minor crimes once they become adults.

Mr Davies said: "I support some change in the law to make it fairer."

Mother wins MP's backing over Facebook campaign

A mother's campaign to remove from Facebook a video that she says shows scenes of child abuse has won the backing of a local MP.

Suzie Parry, from Adfa, near Newtown, said the video, originating from Malaysia, has been shared by thousands of people.

The 26-year-old is now urging the website to take down the film and scrap its auto-play feature which starts videos automatically.

Now she has received a letter of support from Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies.

Mrs Parry said: "Mr Davies has written to me and mentioned how this video has breached at least one Facebook standard and is 'deeply disturbing'."

"He has written to Facebook outlining my concerns so I am really looking forward to Facebook's reply and thank Mr Davies."

Mrs Parry added: "I am trying to get a video that shows graphic, distressing scenes of child abuse removed from Facebook one by one and to get the auto-play video service removed."

"Despite me contacting Facebook over the matter they have not got back to me so I have launched a

by Andrew Morris

petition in the hope that the more people that sign it, the more we can help make Facebook a safer and more pleasant environment.

"The video shows scenes of child abuse. It was filmed by an individual concerned about a friend's treatment of her 10-month-old daughter in Malaysia."

"Apparently the matter was dealt with by the police in Malaysia, but a year later the video somehow appeared on Facebook. It is unclear how, but it has been shared thousands of times, appealing to people to help find the mother."

"But what has concerned me is why this video was ever allowed on Facebook in the first place. It is very disturbing and it seems unnecessary to be on the site."

To sign the petition visit www.change.org



Campaigner Suzie Parry, with her three-year-old son Jack, is taking Facebook to task over an indecent video

New pub contest for darts players

A MAJOR competition using the same format as the hugely popular former News of the World tournament is being launched to find the best pub darts player in Wales and bordering English counties.

The Coinspinner and Red Dragon Darts Pub Champion of Champions competition, which has a prize fund of £4,000, is free to enter and is open to all male and female darts players over the age of 14.

The competition is the brainchild of Bridgend-based darts specialist Red Dragon Darts and Coinspinner, a Wales-based international company that specialises in supplying pay-to-play equipment.

The companies are inviting 128 pubs and member clubs to take part in the inaugural competition, which will see players compete in the best of three, 501 legs. The winner from each pub will qualify for the Champion of Champion Grand Final at The Hi-Tide, Porthcawl on August 31.

A prize fund will be divided between the final 32 players, with the winner collecting £1,500. All the competing pubs and clubs and qualifying dates are on the website www.reddragon-darts.com/champion-of-champions



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"We've got a great festival planned," said director John Waine. "There are new exhibitors for people to discover and enjoy. We'll also have our Green & Grow area for people who want to learn about growing their own food, as well as some wonderful cookery classes hosted by Upstairs Downstairs with some of the finest local chefs passing on cooking skills."

As part of the Food Festival Fringe, well-known chef, Marcus Bean will be launching his Pop-Up Restaurant at Scholars on Saturday, July 12.

This will be show-casing the best local food and looking to raise funds for Self Help Africa.

To reserve your place contact Walford College on (01691) 688053/688000 or by emailing scholars@wnsc.ac.uk

There will be a tutored beer tasting at Oswestry Station on Friday, July 11 with tickets available at The Oak, and beer tastings through Saturday and Sunday.

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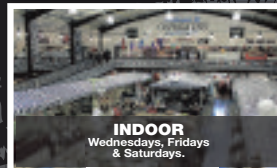
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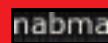
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Hosted at the Guild's head office in Park Lane, Woodhead Estates will be providing an expert and unique personal in-depth view of the local area's property market as well as highlighting its extensive range of quality homes.

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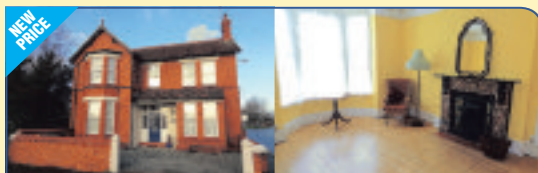
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- Open Plan Lounge leading into Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Courtyard Style Garden with Storage Shed/Utility
- Walking Distance to Town Centre
- Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating EPC Rating C



**Ascot Road
Oswestry** £182,500

- Modern 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- Master Bedroom (en-suite), 3 further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Double Width Driveway & Garage, Good Size Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing. EPC Rating C



**The Cross
Gobowen** £242,000

- Period Detached house extensively renovated
- Entrance Hall, Cellar, Lounge, Family Room
- Study, Dining Room Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloaks, Master Bedroom (En-Suite)
- 3 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
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- Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



**Offas Close
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- 5/6 Bedroom Executive Family Home
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Games Room
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- Lounge, Sitting Rm, Kitchen/Dining Rm, Utility
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- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



**Balmoral Crescent
Oswestry** £199,950

- 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- 4 Beds (master en-suite), Family Bathrm
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- Gas Central Heating. EPC Rating E



**Cae Onan
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- Spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks
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- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



**Heritage Way
Llanymynech** £219,995

- Immaculate 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility
- 4 Beds (master en-suite), Bathroom
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- D/G, Propane Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



St Martins £132,000

- Deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Cottage
- Stands in large landscaped gardens
- Extensive views over open countryside
- Porch, Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, Sun Rm
- Shower/Utility Rm, 2 Beds, Bathrm & Attic Rm
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- Gas fired central heating, EPC Rating E



**Daywell crescent
Gobowen** £129,950

- Spacious 3 bedroom Semi-Detached property
- Property has been improved by the current owners
- Lounge, Large Kitchen/Dining Rm, Rear Lobby/Utility
- Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Lawned gardens, large gravelled parking area
- Gas C/H and uPVC D/G. EPC Rating D



**Heritage Way
Llanymynech** £119,995

- An End Terrace Property on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size private rear garden with patio
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**New Road
Glyn Ceiriog** £185,000

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**Cherry Tree Drive
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- Well appointed & deceptively spacious Semi-Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, 2 Bedrooms & bathroom
- Good size driveway with off-road parking, carport & garage
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**Coopers Field
St Martins** £114,995

- Well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
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**York Street
Oswestry** £116,995

- Deceptively spacious & well presented Mid-Terrace Property
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- uPVC double glazing & Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



**Blackfriars
Oswestry** £184,500

- Deceptively spacious Detached Bungalow
- Ent Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Large Conservatory and Utility Room/WC
- Large driveway, lawned gardens to rear & large patio
- Gas C/H & D.G. EPC Rating D



**Trinity Close
Gobowen** £139,950

- Well presented semi-detached property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Cloaks, modern Kitchen/ Dining Rm
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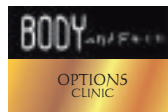
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PCC pays a visit to town for walkabout

ROAD safety and town centre parking were among the chief concerns when Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon visited Welshpool on a fact-finding mission.

Older people and volunteers were among many people visited by Mr Salmon during his Your Voice day of activity in and around the town, which also saw him talk with others such as tourists and shopkeepers.

Mr Salmon said: "Your Voice Welshpool was a people-focused day; local people wanted to air their views. As their voice in crime and policing I need to understand their thoughts," he said.

"The event was all about me gaining a greater understanding of the crime and policing needs of people in and around north Powys."

Key issues raised during the visit last Wednesday included road safety and town centre parking, police accessibility and visibility, Commissioner's Fund grants, mental health and antisocial behaviour.

He met volunteers from around England and Wales at the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway's Raven Square Station.

Mr Salmon will return on September 3, when he will address the town council.

Expansion for services provided by Derwen College

A college that provides education for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities is extending its provision in Shropshire.

The Derwen College, based in Gobowen, is opening satellite centres within the county for students aged 16-25.

College staff have been successful in working with Shropshire Council to secure a grant through the Education Funding Agency for the initiative.

by Sue Austin

In the first phase of the project, Derwen College will open a new centre at Walford and North Shropshire College on the Walford campus in September.

This will allow students with learning difficulties and disabilities to work in small groups in an outdoor environment studying a range of practical, work-based activities in horticulture and conservation.

In addition, the courses will help improve English, maths and ICT skills.

"Derwen College has been working with Walford and North Shropshire College to ensure the provision provides a stepping stone to the Independent Living provision of the college, spokeswoman, Allison Herward said.

The second phase of the project will see a second site located in south Shropshire.

"Derwen College is currently in the process of acquiring a property in Craven Arms," Allison said.

"The funding to help set up the satellite centres is only available for institutions that can demonstrate that they are successful. Derwen College has earned a reputation for delivering outstanding provision and has been judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted on two consecutive inspections."

As well as these projects, Derwen College will be opening a further satellite centre at Ashdale House in Penley near Wrexham in order to extend day provision in Wales for students with learning difficulties and disabilities aged 16-25.

"Students will be able to follow a Vocational Pathway, working in a small group in an outdoor environment to develop and improve experience."

Anniversary win for young farmers



Members of Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers Club celebrate their success at the County Rally

YOUNG farmers in the Oswestry area have celebrated the group's 70th anniversary in winning style.

Members of the Whittington and Oswestry YFC described this year as a "momentous" one for the group.

On top of it being their 70th anniversary year, club members have enjoyed success in various competitions. Their latest triumph saw the club

members win the County Rally last Saturday for the first time since 1955.

Despite the high levels of competition, Whittington and Oswestry YFC collected a large number of awards on the day. Club members won the Whittington & Shrewsbury News cup for the highest points in the junior section, the Tomley cup for the highest scoring club in the north west region,

the home section trophy for the highest score in the home section, before securing the award for the highest number of points overall.

Matthew Jones, chairman of Whittington and Oswestry YFC, said: "On top of it being a big anniversary year, we made it to the national drama finals and now we've won the rally for the first time in almost 60 years."

NEWS in brief

Wonderland theme for village's fair

THE Mad Hatter is coming to a village fair near Oswestry on July 12 as a special guest to mark the 40th anniversary of the event.

The character from Alice In Wonderland will be at Whittington Fair in Whittington Community Centre.

Chris Hughes, treasurer of the community centre, said: "He will be at the fair to crown our queen and to entertain with silly jokes, pranks, songs and stories. Any child who comes dressed as a character from Alice In Wonderland will receive a goody bag and there will be a parade of those in costume."

Distinctive items taken by burglars

A collection of distinctive regimental items have been stolen from a home by burglars.

The unusual items include a pair of Eleventh Hussars cuff links, two sets of Royal Hussars gold regimental cufflinks, and two hat badges.

Police have appealed for information following the burglary at an address in Greenbank Close, Oswestry on Friday between 2pm and 4pm.

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Even if the species we seek is thriving in great numbers, those great numbers in themselves are reason for interest. But having said that, I'm not a 'plant guy'.

I think they're very interesting in their own right but I would side with someone who said "once you've seen one dandelion, you've seen them all". The same may be true for cow parsley.

This seemingly delicate, yet robust plant is everywhere in spring and I have come to pass it by without a second glance. Many of the flowers of this plant have, by now, wilted and been replaced with its very effective seed heads. And yet yesterday I stumbled across a line of pristine white cow parsley plants which, because of their 'late' flowering, suddenly struck me as bizarre and worth another look.

Tedium

Had I not been consumed with the tedium of this plant, I would not have wandered over and in turn would not have realised my mistake. It was hogweed. Again, not the most popular plant. The sap can cause itches and sores and the plant itself is big and boisterous and capable of shading much below and around it. However, the flowers are something else. Superficially like giant cow parsley, they attract a slightly different array of pollinators and as I crept up to one I simultaneously realised my mistake and reaped my reward.

When we think of beetles we often think of small black scuttling insects more accustomed to the earth or perhaps the shade of a log than anywhere else. And yet as I surveyed my giant hogweed flower, I noticed a large, agile insect hovering around the white landing pad before alighting daintily atop this mass of flowers. It was black and yellow in colour and had the most beautiful long antennae. A long horned beetle.

I then noticed another and another. There were several buzzing around me and before long I had

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



become matchmaker, as my photo shows. With their black dots and stripes, rough imitations of wasps, which probably gives them some protection from birds, long horned beetles are actually fairly common and their favourite food is hogweed. However you should be quick in spotting them the adults only live two or three weeks.

The only slight problem with the long horn beetle is that it has a cousin, the Asian long horned beetle. This insect, which is more black than it is yellow is a serious pest. Entire coppices have been felled in the past to eradicate one outbreak. In the US it has been responsible for catastrophic tree deaths and so wherever it is seen, it is quickly pounced upon.

Striking

We have dozens of different species of long horn beetle in the UK, but perhaps our black and yellow spotted is the most striking. Longhorn beetle taxonomy has been through a series of revisions over the years. Sometimes one revision makes changes to a previous revision, so you get a series of names being appended to a single species over the course of time. 'My' species, since 1932, has variously been referred to as *Strangalia maculate*, *Leptura maculate*, *Rutpela maculate*. The accepted name for this species is now *Rutpela maculata*. But to be honest I couldn't care less what it's called, as long as it's native and increases my until-now-flagging interest in cow parsley and giant hogweed.

Ben's artwork can be seen at Callaghan's Gallery, Shrewsbury.



A pair of amorous longhorns on the hogweed flower. Adult beetles only live for up to three weeks

Minister hits back at claim cull 'flawed'

MP Owen Paterson this week hit back after a group of vets argued government claims about badger culling were "seriously flawed".

In a letter to the Veterinary Record, 19 vets raised concerns about claims badger culling is needed to combat tuberculosis in cattle, saying few countries had needed to kill wildlife as part of the tuberculosis control programmes.

But the Environment Secretary and North Shropshire MP said that the culling is absolutely essential when it comes to controlling bovine TB.

He said: "I have read the claims, and I totally disagree. It is absolutely essential that we continue with this as we have to get rid of the problem."

"We need to follow the Republic of Ireland, and target the wildlife as they have done."

"It has reduced the number of infected cattle from 44,903 in 1999 to 15,612 last year, which proves that we need to follow their example."

Vets claimed there were similar declines in TB in cattle in Northern Ireland, where culling has not been used.

But Mr Paterson argued: "This is simply not true. There have not been the same kind of reductions in places where wildlife has not been targeted."

Figures released today claim that just four of 2,000 badgers culled in trials last year were actually tested for TB.

Carcasses of animals killed were incinerated and the four tested were done so at the request of a landowner.

Critics say that more of the culled badgers should have been tested to investigate the link between the animals and the 32,000 TB-infected cattle that had to be slaughtered last year.

Mr Paterson said he stood by the need to cull badgers and rejected repeated calls from animal welfare groups for an alternative vaccination programme.

He said: "We have tried vaccinations, but there is just not a vaccine for tuberculosis that works on badgers."

"I do want to see healthy cattle living alongside healthy badgers."

"Sadly we do not have a cattle vaccine and one that works in badgers and so we must go about it in this way," he added.

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James Pelling and Ruth Neville on the 'Hopelessly Devoted to You' float.



Matt Spencer, Paul Griffiths and Rob Bumford from the Black Lion



Carnival Queen Amy Evans waves to the crowd



Llanfair Caereinion Carnival Queen 13 year old Amy Evans



The Red Lion All Stars float



The Town Hillbillies from the Goat Hotel



Ailish and Caitlin Argument and Betty Sue Smith on the Goat Hotel float



Tom Davies and Trevor Watkins were in the money on the Red Lion float

Thousands enjoy the fun

CARNIVAL organisers were delighted when the good weather brought thousands of people to enjoy their event.

Organisers in Llanfair Caereinion, near Welshpool say they were thrilled with the response.

Ruth Bates, one of the team behind the Llanfair Caereinion carnival, estimated that more than 1,000 people had packed in to the town.

"It was fantastic," she said. "It was a real success, with people lining the streets."

Carnival Queen Amy Evans and her eight attendants arrived into the town at midday aboard the Llanfair to Welshpool Light Railway, where they joined the procession through the town to the Mount Field.

Amy attends Caereinion High School where she is studying through the medium of Welsh, and is an active member of the community and

by Graham Breeze

recently played the leading role of 'Cinderella' in the town's pantomime 'The Shoe Must Go On'.

"I feel really honoured to be selected as this year's carnival Queen, and to represent my community for the day," she said. "I have supported the carnival for the last 10 years either by taking part in the fancy dress or on one of the floats."

The Queen's attendants were Joshua Clarke, 8; Samuel King, 8; Rhys Edwards, 7; Noah Spencer, 8; Ffion Bowen, 5; Maisy Fassett, 6; Rhian Burns, 9 and Sarah Astley, 11 who all accompanied Amy on her float.

This year's carnival had an American theme, and the procession featured nine floats with themes such as diners and Nasa, as well as Elvis, Mickey Mouse, walking fancy dress

groups and Porthywaen Silver band and the Llanidloes Dragonette dancers.

"I would say there were over 1,000 people," said Ms Bates. "The streets were so packed. They were lined six deep around the pavements."

Afternoon activities on the Mount Field included entertainment from Llanfair Caereinion YFC, Powys Dance, Llanfair Gymnastics Club and Elvis impersonator Karl Memphis.

There was also a funfair, craft stalls, a bouncy castle and rodeo rides which kept old and young entertained in the glorious sunshine.

Ms Bates added. "Judging by the comments everyone had a fantastic day."

The carnival transformed the centre of Llanfair with its colourful parade followed by a host of activities on Mount Field.

Rita Walters, Banwy Cafe provided sandwiches, cakes and refreshments in the food

marquee on the field while Llanfair United Football Club provided alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments and burgers. The club also displayed the five trophies won last season.

"We are a new group and everyone has been working hard to try to ensure that it was a great day," said Ms Bates.

"We thank all those who have volunteered to help us on the day and we it was great to see so many great floats and fancy dress entries, as in previous years."

"The group would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who have supported the raffle so generously."

This year pupils at Llanfair Caereinion High School had been busy designing and painting new boards which were on display for the carnival.

Carnival organisers are on the lookout for volunteers to help out with next year's event. "If you'd like to be part of a fun day and

help make the carnival even more successful please volunteer to help on the day," said Ms Bates.

"We've got lots of activities that need volunteers to support from the fancy dress to catering. If you can spare a couple of hours please let us know through emailing your contact details via our website."

"With hundreds of people visiting the carnival it's a fantastic opportunity to promote your business or produce. And of course it's the floats that make it a spectacular and memorable event."

Carnival organisers are seeking to attract more stands for the Mount Field section of the annual event. If you want to book a space to host a commercial or not for profit stall at the 2015 carnival, please download and complete one of the forms on the website.

Details can be found at www.llanfaircarnival.com.



Protecting the frocks at Corbet School prom night



Natalie Dene receives some flowers from Lee Killen



Students dressed up for the occasion

PROM DAY FOR SCHOOL



Let the party begin - Corbet School prom night at the Albrighton Hall Hotel



Pupils arriving for Corbet School prom night at the Albrighton Hall Hotel



All dressed up for the prom night at the Albrighton Hall Hotel



Arriving in style for the prom night at Albrighton Hall Hotel



Arriving by tractor for Corbet School prom night

THEY came on tractor-drawn trailers, in lorry cabs – and of course in limousines.

This was the night Year 11 pupils at the Corbet School in Baschurch had been waiting months for – the night of the school prom and their leavers' ball.

And they didn't disappoint on the big occasion – the girls arrived at the Albrighton Hall Hotel on the outskirts of Shrewsbury in glamorous ball gowns while the boys were smart and sharp in suits and tuxedos.

Even the parents got in on the act, with

by Graham Breeze

many lining up to form a makeshift paparazzi to capture the special evening and take pictures on cameras and smart phones of their children dressed up to the nines.

Many of the pupils made entrances worthy of a red carpet arrival at a Hollywood film premiere.

Natalie Dene was escorted to the ball by her boyfriend Lee Killen in a lorry cab, while groups of boys and girls arrived in stretch limos and some on a trailer pulled by a vintage

tractor – an interesting take on the school's rural setting.

The pupils gathered outside on the hotel lawns to share stories and compare their attire before the party began in earnest inside. It was a welcome chance to let off steam following their GCSE exams.

A statement from the Corbet School says "it aims to be one of the country's leading comprehensives, providing a transformative experience for all pupils, empowering them to reach their full academic potential and equipping them to live successful and fulfilling adult lives."

Prospective parents and pupils are being invited to an open day and open evening on October 6 when there will be an informal opportunity to enjoy a tour the school and experience the atmosphere during the working day.

Parents and children can ask questions and meet pupils and staff as well as headmaster Philip Adams. Appointments should be made through the school office.

Such end-of-year bashes have become a tradition which has grown in popularity and scale in recent years.

The prom craze, taken from America, is worth millions of pounds to the hotel industry

in the UK, as well as a boost to dress shops, hair stylists and beauty parlours.

The party enjoyed by the youngsters at the Corbet School is one of just several being held by schools across Shropshire and Mid Wales, many at lavish locations.

And we want to help youngsters across the region remember their prom night in style.

We want you to send in your pictures from school proms and leavers' balls. Who from your school made the wackiest entrance and what will you remember from your big night? We want your photographs – and the best pictures will be published in the Chronicle.

SATURDAY



Live at the Apollo

10.40pm
Sarah Millican hosts the long-running stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo, introducing routines by Australian funnyman Steve Hughes and Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning comic Russell Kane, who both give their own take on modern life.



Today at Wimbledon

8pm
John Inverdale and studio guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided today. Plus, a preview of the men's singles final and action from the men's and ladies' doubles finals.



Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

7.30pm
TV presenters Carol Vorderman and Joe Swash and Emmerdale's Mark Charnock answer questions to win turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, they hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf and scoop the £20,000 prize.



Paul Chowdhry: What's Happening White People?

11.40pm
Stand-up show in which the comedian entertains an audience with his dry observational humour tapping into aspects of modern-day Britain. The Stand Up for the Week host has established himself as one of the most popular funny men in recent years.



She's 78, He's 39: Age Gap Love

8pm
Six people whose partners are much younger than they are reveal why being of different generations is no barrier to romance – including Marilynn, whose relationship with husband William began when she was 45 and he was 16.

BBC1

- 6.00** **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined in the studio by chef Bryn Williams and Celebrity MasterChef winner Lisa Faulkner, and guest Victoria Pendleton faces either food heaven or food hell.
11.30 **Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds.** Paul is joined by chef Nigel Haworth, who leaves behind his Michelin-starred cuisine and recreates his favourite childhood pie – mutton pudding with Lancashire black peas.
12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Anita Manning and Philip Serrell help four teams pick up bargains in Kedleston, Derbyshire. Presented by Tim Wonnacott.
1.00 **BBC News; Weather.**
1.15 **Wimbledon 2014.** The ladies' singles final. Sue Barker introduces live coverage from the Centre Court at the All England Club, where the Venus Rosewater Dish will be awarded to the winner. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
4.30 **Match of the Day Live.** Argentina or Switzerland v Belgium or USA (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the third quarter-final, which takes place at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.
7.10 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
7.30 **A Question of Sport: Super Saturday.** Team GB gold medal-winner Lizzy Yarnold, former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan, and comedians Katherine Ryan and Ted Robbins take part in the sports-based game show.
8.10 **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for a cash prize. Includes the Lottery results, presented by Kate Garraway.
9.00 **Casualty.** A man ignores Ethan's advice to take it easy after a car accident, putting himself and his son in danger during a cross-country race. Connie asserts her authority over the ED.
9.50 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Comedy, written by and starring Brendan O'Carroll. A doting mother-of-six constantly interferes in her children's lives while also running a fruit and veg stall and caring for her aged father-in-law. (R)
10.20 **BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.**
10.40 **Live at the Apollo.** Sarah Millican introduces routines by comedians Steve Hughes and Russell Kane at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
11.30 **Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights.** The third and fourth quarter-finals. Action from Brazil, featuring the matches at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia and the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador.
12.10 **FILM: DOA (1988).** A professor accused of murder is given a slow-acting poison and has 24 hours to find the people responsible. Thriller remake, with Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and Charlotte Rampling.
1.40 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.45 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 7.30** **Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights.** The first and second quarter-finals, featuring France v Germany at the Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro and Brazil v Colombia at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza.
8.15 **Formula 1: British Grand Prix Second Practice.** Lee McKenzie introduces action from Silverstone, where the ninth meeting of the season takes place.
9.55 **Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix Third Practice.** Lee McKenzie introduces coverage of the session from Silverstone, where the ninth meeting of the season takes place.
11.05 **Racing Legends: Jackie Stewart.** Chef James Martin joins Jackie Stewart on a road trip through the Alps in a classic supercar to retrace the life and career of the three-time Formula One world champion. (R)
12.05 **Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix Qualifying.** Suzi Perry introduces coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm), where the grid positions are decided for the ninth meeting of the season.
2.30 **Escape to the Country.** Nicki Chapman helps a couple who want to relocate to the Cotswolds from London, and are seeking a property with lots of character on a budget of £800,000. (R)
3.30 **Flog It!** Mark Stacey and Catherine Southon value antiques in Dover Town Hall, while Paul Martin meets a local woman who has swum the English Channel. (R)
4.30 **Wimbledon 2014.** Sue Barker presents further live coverage from the All England Club, featuring the men's and ladies' doubles finals. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
8.00 **Today at Wimbledon.** John Inverdale and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided.
9.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keeps. (R)
9.45 **FILM: Last Chance Harvey (2008).** A miserable New Yorker falls for an equally unfulfilled woman he meets while in London to attend his daughter's wedding. Romantic drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson.
11.10 **FILM: A Single Man (2009).** A gay British academic living in 1960s Los Angeles is devastated by the death of his partner in a car crash. He decides to commit suicide, and takes a day to put his affairs in order, but the people he meets change his hopeless outlook on life. Drama, starring Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult and Matthew Goode.
12.45 **Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay.** Action from one of the concluding two quarter-finals, which took place in Brasilia and Salvador.
2.30 **This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00** **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
6.25 **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** **6.35** **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures**
6.50 **Canimals** **7.00** **Canimals** **7.05** **Sooty**
7.20 **Digimon Fusion** **7.45** **Horrid Henry** **8.00** **Adventure Time**
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** Aled Jones is joined by singer and member of pop group Girls Aloud Kimberley Walsh, who also performs. Plus, property expert Amanda Lamb joins the host for a chat, Boyd Hilton reviews the week's television, and more guests from around the world take part in We're Talking in the Air.
9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge continue to explore the island of Jersey, where they enjoy a clam bake on the beach, meet an accomplished cider-maker and pick some Jersey royals. (R)
10.30 **Tour de France Live.** Gary Imlach introduces coverage of the opening stage, which takes the riders on a 190.5km journey from Leeds to Harrogate.
5.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Alastair Stewart, Natasha Hamilton, Kim Woodburn and Keith Chegwin try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R)
6.00 **Off Their Rockers.** A pensioner attempts a daredevil escape from a care home, Rosemary needs help to locate her dog and Sonia has a quick nap on a comfy shoulder. Hidden-camera comedy. (R)
6.30 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)
7.30 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** New series. Carol Vorderman, Mark Charnock and Joe Swash answer questions to win turns on the token-pushing machine and raise money for charity. Ben Shephard hosts.
8.30 **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.** Netherlands v Costa Rica (Kick-off 9.00pm). Coverage of the fourth quarter-final from the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.
11.15 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
11.30 **FILM: Fletch (1985).** A wisecracking reporter and master of disguise investigates a man who falsely claims to be dying and is asking people to kill him. Comedy mystery, with Chevy Chase.
1.15 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.05** **The Hoobs.** The pals find a strange animal. (R)
6.30 **Trans World Sport.** Featuring interviews with 400m runner Arman Hall and surfer Andrew Cotton.
7.25 **The Grid.** Including an interview with Jensen Button about the British Grand Prix.
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Rishi Persad presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Sandown Park.
9.00 **Weekend Kitchen.** With Kirstie Allsopp and Michel Roux.
10.00 **Frasier.** Diane visits Seattle. (R)
10.30 **Frasier.** A shady character helps the Crane brothers. (R)
11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard gets caught in a strange argument. (R)
11.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny considers breaking up with Leonard. (R)
11.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon hires an attractive female assistant. (R)
12.20 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Marge are accused of being bad parents. (R)
12.50 **The Tomorrow People.** A ruthless killer resurfaces after years in hiding.
1.40 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Haydock Park.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** A driving instructor hosts the first dinner party in Milton Keynes. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Michelle Watson hosts the week's second party in Milton Keynes. Buckinghamshire. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Stuart Henson hosts a safari-themed dinner party. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Choir director Joseph Benge prepares dishes from his native Ghana. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Susan Rogers hosts the final dinner party in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, hoping her French cuisine will win her extra points, before the winner is announced. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.10 **FILM: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009).** The shape-changing robots fight for control of a machine hidden somewhere on Earth with the power to destroy planets. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox. Edited for language and violence.
10.00 **FILM: Attack the Block (2011).** A student nurse and a teenage gang band together to fight off alien invaders terrorising a south London tower block. Sci-fi comedy thriller, with Jodie Whittaker and John Boyega.
11.40 **Paul Chowdhry: What's Happening White People?** Stand-up show in which the comedian entertains an audience with his dry observational humour tapping into aspects of modern-day Britain. (R)
12.40 **FILM: The Last Exorcism (2010).** Horror, starring Patrick Fabian.
2.10 **The Guides.** Short drama, starring Mark Gatiss. (R)
2.25 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. (R)
4.35 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)
5.30 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
5.50 **The Hoobs.** The gang breaks a record. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00** **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car** **6.15** **Abby's Flying Fairy School** **6.25** **Bubble Guppies** **6.40** **The Mr Men Show** **6.50** **Chloe's Closet** **7.00** **Milkshake! Monkey** **7.05** **Bananas in Pajamas** **7.20** **Make Way for Noddy** **7.35** **City of Friends** **7.55** **Little Princess** **8.05** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** **8.20** **Angelina Ballerina** **8.40** **Rupert Bear** **8.55** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.15** **Jelly Jamm** **9.30** **LazyTown**
10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.05 **The Hotel Inspector Returns.** Alex Polizzi returns to the Oakland Hotel in South Woodham Ferrers, Essex. (R)
11.05 **Big Brother: Eviction.** Another housemate gets the boot. (R)
12.25 **FILM: Random Hearts (1999).** Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas.
3.00 **FILM: Anzio (1968).** Second World War drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Mitchum.
5.15 **5 News Weekend.**
5.20 **FILM: Columbo: Suitable for Framing (1971).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
6.40 **FILM: Columbo: Murder by the Book (1971).** A novelist kills his former partner and tries to appear innocent by helping Columbo solve the crime. Detective drama, directed by Steven Spielberg, with Peter Falk and Jack Cassidy.
8.00 **She's 78, He's 39: Age Gap Love.** The stories of six people whose partners are much younger than they are, including a woman whose relationship with her husband began when she was 45 and he was 16. (R)
9.00 **Big Brother.** Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.
10.00 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** The documentary examining the lives of unemployed people visits South Yorkshire, where benefits caps, sanctions and the bedroom tax are hitting those at the poorer end of society. (R)
11.00 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Rylan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour, with input from psychologists and body-language experts.
12.00 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Bikini Body? The Truth About Diets.** Part two of two. Countdown of methods adopted to lose weight. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Keren decides she has had enough. (R)
4.50 **The Funky Valley Show.** Double bill. Clara thinks she has laid an egg. (R)
5.00 **Angels of Jarm.** Animation about helpful angels. (R)
5.10 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **The Funky Valley Show.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY

**Wimbledon 2014**

1.50pm

Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final, as the concluding day of the third Grand Slam tournament gets under way on Centre Court. This year's match will have to be dramatic to equal the sense of occasion experienced last year, when Andy Murray beat Novak Djokovic in straight sets.

**A Cabbie Abroad: Fiji**

9pm

London cabbie Mason McQueen heads to the South Pacific island of Fiji to ply his trade in the capital Suva, where he is shown the ropes by his host Dharmendra Kumar – a direct descendant of sugar plantation labourers brought from India by the British.

**Tour de France Live**

10.30am

Gary Imlach presents coverage of the second stage, which takes the riders on a 201km journey from York to Sheffield, on the second of three days in England. A sprint finish is expected at the end of this stage, which passes through South, West and North Yorkshire, as well as briefly into Greater Manchester.

**Sean Lock: Purple Van Man**

10pm

The 8 Out of 10 Cats team captain's stand-up show, recorded in front of a sell-out audience at London's Hammersmith Apollo last year. The comedian offers a uniquely skewed take on the world through gags, opinions, deft observations and silly voices as he gives the 'purple van man's' perspective.

**Big Brother**

9pm

Daily round-up of highlights from the house, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring clips and selections of the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features.
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.** Round-up of the week's stories, featuring interviews with key figures and leafing through the Sunday papers.
- 10.00 Sunday Morning Live.** Sian Williams is joined by Murray Walker to discuss his career as a Formula One commentator, his values and the current situation with former racing driver Michael Schumacher.
- 11.00 Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15 BBC News; Weather.**
- 12.30 Bargain Hunt.** Tim Wonnacott presents from Bultho Wells, Powys, where experts David Harper and Jonathan Pratt help two teams search for antiques. (R)
- 1.00 Wimbledon 2014.** Sue Barker and guests look ahead to this afternoon's men's singles final at the All England Club, as the third Grand Slam event of the year reaches its final day.
- 1.50 Wimbledon 2014.** Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final at the All England Club, as the concluding day of the third Grand Slam tournament gets under way on Centre Court. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
- 5.45 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
- 6.10 Countryfile.** John Craven visits the Peak District set of BBC drama The Village. Helen Skelton discovers the links between the area and the British Raj, and gets tips on capturing animal photos. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 7.10 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team pay a second visit to Wentworth Woodhouse, where items include a bible that belonged to one of the first black professional footballers. Last in the series.
- 8.10 Casualty.** A man ignores Ethan's advice to take it easy after a car accident, putting himself and his son in danger during a cross-country race. Connie asserts her authority over the ED. (R)
- 9.00 Common.** Jimmy McGovern's one-off drama about a teenager who is one of several youths charged with a murder, despite not being involved in the killing. Nico Mirallegro and Susan Lynch star.
- 10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
- 10.55 Have I Got Old News for You.** Another chance to see the satirical quiz, with team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R)
- 11.25 FILM: Sliding Doors (1998).** A London woman's entire future hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah and John Lynch.
- 1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.05 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00 This Is BBC2.**
- 6.10 FILM: East of Sudan (1964).** Period adventure, starring Anthony Quayle.
- 7.40 Gardeners' World.** Carol Klein learns about the habitat garden ponds provide for wildlife. (R)
- 8.10 World Cup Films.** A look back at the 2006 tournament in Germany.
- 9.45 Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights.** Action from the third and fourth quarter-finals.
- 10.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series. (R)
- 12.00 Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry introduces coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm), where the ninth meeting of the season takes place.
- 3.30 Racing Legends: Stirling Moss.** Retracing the route of Italy's most famous road race – the Mille Miglia. (R)
- 4.30 Flog It!** From Hereford Cathedral. (R)
- 5.05 Songs of Praise: Big Sing – The UK's Top 10 Hymns.** From the Royal Albert Hall.
- 5.45 Wimbledon 2014.** Sue Barker is at the All England Club to present live coverage of the concluding day of the championships, where the mixed doubles final is expected to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
- 8.00 The Quest for Bannockburn.** Part two of two. Neil Oliver and Tony Pollard conclude their attempt to mark the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn by pinpointing the location of the battlefield.
- 9.00 A Cabbie Abroad: Fiji.** London cabbie Mason McQueen plies his trade in the South Pacific island's capital Suva and teams up with a hotel doorman to sample the indigenous way of life. Last in the series.
- 10.00 Mock the Week.** Rob Beckett, Susan Calman, Hal Cruttenden and Ramesh Ranganathan join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R)
- 10.35 Today at Wimbledon.** John Inverdale presents highlights of the men's singles final at the All England Club, where the winner of the third Grand Slam event of the year was decided.
- 11.35 FILM: Heavenly Creatures (1994).** Fact-based drama about two teenagers whose obsessive friendship and strange fantasies drive them to murder. Directed by Peter Jackson and starring Kate Winslet and Melanie Lynskey.
- 1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** John Craven visits the Peak District set of BBC drama The Village. Helen Skelton discovers the links between the area and the British Raj, and gets tips on capturing animal photos. (R)
- 2.05 Sign Zone: Holby City.** Raf demands that Amy take a paternity test, which could spell the end of their marriage. Jesse decides to cool things off with Zosia, and Elliot continues to shut himself away. (R)
- 3.05 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.35 Dino Dan 6.50 Animals 7.00 Canimals 7.05 Sooty 7.20 Digimon Fusion 7.45 Horrid Henry 8.00 Deadtime Stories**
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With guests John Barrowman, Matt Edmondson, Alexandra Burke and Lissie.
- 9.25 Love Your Garden.** A couple who founded a charity to support bereaved families. (R)
- 10.30 Tour de France Live.** Gary Imlach presents coverage of the second stage, which takes the riders on a 201km journey from York to Sheffield, on the second of three days in England.
- 5.00 Tipping Point.** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
- 6.00 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)
- 6.30 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.45 ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.00 FILM: Despicable Me (2010).** An evil genius adopts three orphans to aid his latest plot, but fatherhood brings out his long-buried caring side. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel.
- 9.00 The Nation's Favourite Motown Song.** Craig Charles counts down the legendary Detroit record company's 20 greatest hits, as voted for by the British public, with contributions by those who made pop history.
- 10.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.45 The Cube.** A builder and a 24-year-old mother take part, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Philip Schofield. (R)
- 11.45 The Unforgettable Russell Harty.** Profile of the chat-show host who became a household name in the 1970s and 80s for his staging of some revealing celebrity interviews as Michael Parkinson's main rival. (R)
- 12.15 The Store.** Home shopping.
- 2.15 Motorsport UK.** Renault UK Clio Cup and Ginetta Junior Championship action. With commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Action from the fourth meeting of the season, featuring both races at Knockhill, as Shane Byrne looked to continue his fine start to the campaign.
- 3.55 ITV Nightscreen.**
- 4.15 May the Best House Win.** Homeowners in South Yorkshire and Derbyshire vie for the £1,000 prize as they score one other's properties, which include a modern detached house and a renovated chapel. (R)
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 The Hoobs.** The pals divide up the Hoobmobile. (R)
- 6.40 British F3.** The third round of the season from Snetterton.
- 7.10 Snowdonia Slateman Triathlon.** Action from this year's staging of the annual race.
- 7.35 How I Met Your Mother.** Ted searches for the best New Year's Eve party in New York. (R)
- 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray joins an American Civil War re-enactment society. (R)
- 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ally researches the family tree. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** Niles receives an exciting proposal from Maris. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** Nicole Scherzinger performs her new single.
- 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** Transforming a double-decker coach into a Japanese-style pod hotel. (R)
- 1.30 The Big Bang Theory.** Howard returns from space. (R)
- 2.00 The Big Bang Theory.** Stuart and Raj host a Halloween party. Buzz Aldrin guest stars. (R)
- 2.30 The Simpsons.** Bart sells his soul to Milhouse. (R)
- 3.00 The Simpsons.** With the voices of Paul and Linda McCartney. (R)
- 3.30 The Simpsons.** A trilogy of spine-chillers. (R)
- 4.00 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
- 5.00 FILM: A Knight's Tale (2001).** Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger.
- 7.35 Channel 4 News.**
- 8.00 FILM: Johnny English Reborn (2011).** Premiere. A bumbling former secret agent returns to duty to foil an attempt to assassinate the premier of China. Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson and Gillian Anderson.
- 10.00 Sean Lock: Purple Van Man.** The 8 Out of 10 Cats team captain's stand-up show, recorded in front of a sell-out audience at London's Hammersmith Apollo last year.
- 11.00 FILM: Get Him to the Greek (2010).** A record company employee is given the dubious task of escorting a manic, sex-crazed British rock star to his comeback concert. Comedy, starring Russell Brand and Jonah Hill.
- 12.55 FILM: This Boy's Life (1993).** A teenager suffers abuse when his mother marries a man who turns out to be a tyrannical thug. Drama set in the 1950s, with Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Ellen Barkin.
- 2.50 Swimming.** A mother and her daughter try to bond. (R)
- 3.05 A SuperScrimpers' Merry Christmas.** Tips on having a frugal but fun festive holiday. (R)
- 4.00 Beat My Build.** Renovation challenge.
- 4.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** Creating plates to complement a 1930s-style dining room. (R)
- 5.00 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)
- 5.55 Countdown.** With Griff Rhys Jones. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School **6.25** Bubble Guppies **6.40** The Mr Men Show **6.50** Chloe's Closet **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.20** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** City of Friends **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **7.55** Little Princess **8.05** The Adventures of Corky **8.15** Olly the Little White Van **8.25** Angelina Ballerina **8.35** Milkshake! Show Songs **8.40** Rupert Bear **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
- 10.00 Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
- 10.05 Meerkat Manor.** New leader Rocket Dog faces a tough challenge. (R)
- 10.30 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights. (R)
- 11.30 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies.** A Birmingham RSPCA officer has to deal with an irate owner. (R)
- 12.30 FILM: Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1996).** Supernatural comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart.
- 2.15 FILM: Space Jam (1996).** Live action and animated comedy, starring Michael Jordan, with Bill Murray and Danny DeVito.
- 3.55 FILM: A Goofy Movie (1995).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Farmer.
- 5.20 FILM: The Fox and the Hound (1981).** Animated adventure, with the voices of Mickey Rooney and Kurt Russell.
- 6.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 7.00 FILM: Rush Hour (1998).** An overly zealous Hong Kong detective investigating a kidnapping in Los Angeles is teamed with a loud-mouthed local cop. Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Edited for language.
- 9.00 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
- 10.00 FILM: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998).** The mismatched LAPD detectives hunt down the head of a Chinese triad involved in forgery and slave trading. Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Rene Russo. Edited for language.
- 12.25 World's Scariest Plane Landings.** Frightening incidents caught on camera.
- 1.10 SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10 One World Trade Centre: Rebuilt.** The redevelopment of the site of the September 11 attacks. (R)
- 4.00 House Doctor.** A flat in Kensal Green, west London. (R)
- 4.25 Make It Big.** A visit to a radio station ends badly. (R)
- 4.50 The Funky Valley Show.** Dippy's caterpillar goes missing. (R)
- 5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.10 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
- 5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.30 The Funky Valley Show.** (R)
- 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
- 5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Leisure time

BRAIN TRAINING

Test your mental agility. Target times, in minutes, are in the little clocks

9-er



Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES

839 is a dramatist,
12194 is a diarist,
3544767 is a composer.

Your time:

X is to Y



- Lewis and Clark are to the USA as Burke and Wills are to ? AUSTRALIA, CANADA, INDIA, MADAGASCAR, TASMANIA
- ABBA is to Sweden as a-ha is to ? DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY, RUSSIA, CROATIA
- Bodiam is to East Sussex as Leeds is to ? DORSET, HAMPSHIRE, KENT, NORTHUMBRIA, SOMERSET

Your time:

Mindbender



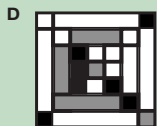
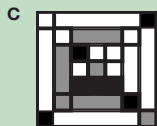
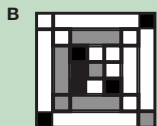
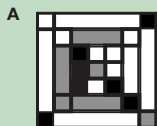
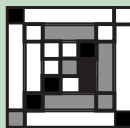
While watching a film, Joan and Margaret ate Brazil nuts in a ratio of 9:2, and grapes in a ratio of 5:7. If Joan ate twenty-seven nuts, and Margaret consumed a total of forty-one items all together, not including anything else, how many grapes did Joan eat?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



Your time:

Split Decision



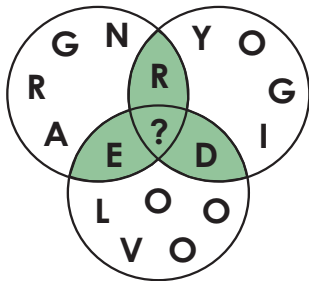
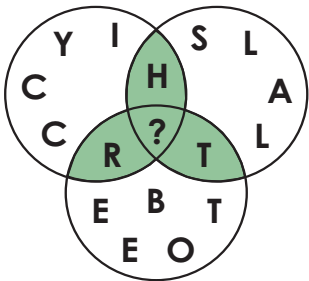
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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T	D	E	F	S	C	A	W	S	Y

Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make 5 words that read both across and down. 5 letters have been placed to start you off.

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IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. 'Here's a funny 4-figure number,' said Charlie. 'I've switched its first two digits, and also its last two.' Mary shook her head. 'You mean like changing 7439 into 4793? There's nothing special about that.' 'Yes,' Charlie replied. 'But in this case the result is exactly four times the original number.' What was his number?

2. Jim looked around the crowded room. 'Not as many as we expected,' he commented. 'I was hoping for fifty kids.' 'Always the optimist!' Betty smiled. 'We'd need twice as many girls, or three times as many boys to have that number.' How many children were there?

3. 'We've got that bit of land,' declared John. 'All signed and settled today.' Betty looked up. 'The one with the funny shape? Well now you have to decide what to build on it.' 'No problem,' John told her. 'The shape's all right, a proper right-angled triangle with perimeter of 374 feet. As a matter of interest, the area is just 15 times that number of square feet.' What were the lengths of the three sides?

SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Doesn't budge (6,4)
- Attacks (4,3)
- Driven away (6)
- Ran (6)
- Trial (7)
- Time being (5)
- Tender (4)
- Snake (5)
- Join (5)
- Waken (5)
- Wrap (7)
- Furnish (7)
- Vamoosing (7,2)
- Dry up (6)
- Man's name (5)
- Dulcet (5)
- Formula (6)
- Planned (5)
- House (7)
- Firm (6)
- Sharp (4)

DOWN

- Wisp (6)
- Finally (2,3,3)
- Apart (5)
- Tying (7)
- Passage (6)
- Seat (5)
- Degrees (6)
- Hammered (7)
- Pay for (5,5)
- Colour (5)
- Writes (4,4)
- Endure (4)
- Master (7)
- Vigilant (5)
- Mean (7)
- Ranted (7)
- Colourless (5)
- Justified (5)
- Hurtle (4)
- Rut (6)
- Gone (4)
- Distribution (7)

- Weapon (7)
- Fastener (6)
- Seems (7)
- Cringed (7)
- Pragmatist (7)
- See (4)
- Doesn't have (5)
- Instances (5)
- Present (4)
- Hector (5)
- Aggravating (10)
- Got rid of (5,3)
- Fish (8)
- Trip (3,4)
- Many (7)
- Show (6)
- Ribald (6)
- Wounding (6)
- Observed (5)
- Specialty (5)
- Reason (5)
- Land measure (4)

SOLUTIONS

Brain Training

9-letter word: PERSONIFY, Fry.

Mindbender

2. Norway, 3. Kent.

Mirror Image

20. Australia, 2. Kent.

Split Decision

2. Norway, 3. Kent.

A	L	A	R	M
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Crossword

Across: 1. Stands fast, 14 Hits out, 15 Four-ashore, 85 Trifle, 86 Made out, 87 Headstrong. Down: 1. Dash, 17 Hearing, 18 Nounce, 19 Sore, 20 Adder, 21 Unit, 22 Sheath, 23 House, 28 Colage, 44 Stale, 46 Tart, 49 Ergo, 51 Please, 53 Collect, 54 Catch, 59 Rattle, 60 Broke, 61 Buckle, 47 Appare, 48 Covered, 50 Real, 58 Roger, 59 Sweet, 40 Recipe, 42 Meant, 43 Snapper, 30 Provide, 33 Beating it, 35 Wilber, 36 Adder, 37 Unit, 22 Sheath, 23 House, 28 Colage, 44 Stale, 46 Tart, 49 Ergo, 51 Please, 53 Collect, 54 Catch, 59 Rattle, 60 Broke, 61 Buckle, 47 Appare, 48 Covered, 50 Real, 58 Roger, 59 Sweet, 40 Recipe, 42 Meant, 43 Snapper, 30 Provide, 33 Beating it, 35 Wilber, 36 Adder, 37 Unit, 22 Sheath, 23 House, 28 Colage, 44 Stale, 46 Tart, 49 Ergo, 51 Please, 53 Collect, 54 Catch, 59 Rattle, 60 Broke, 61 Buckle, 47 Appare, 48 Covered, 50 Real, 58 Roger, 59 Sweet, 40 Recipe, 42 Meant, 43 Snapper, 30 Provide, 33 Beating it, 35 Wilber, 36 Adder, 37 Unit, 22 Sheath, 23 House, 28 Colage, 44 Stale, 46 Tart, 49 Ergo, 51 Please, 53 Collect, 54 Catch, 59 Rattle, 60 Broke, 61 Buckle, 47 Appare, 48 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A big player in the sector

By Graham Breeze

Jeep has just launched an all-new Grand Cherokee model but you will have to wait if you want the 3.0CRD V6 variety which was recently on test.

The new model will initially only be available in 2.0 litre variants so I was glad to get to grips with the bigger diesel for a week.

You just can't question the credentials of this formidable off-roader, which comes with loads of equipment, but air springs are a must if you intend to spend most of the time on-road.

The 3.0-litre V6 diesel engine is available in two tunes. The 188bhp version is available only in entry-level trim, while the rest of the range gets 247bhp.

On test was the 247bhp version in CRD

trim, a slick eight-speed auto transmission with a low-ratio.

By any standards the Grand Cherokee is big and you would have to say a bit cumbersome. But you have to remember it's a Jeep with more history than the competition and that its origins lie off-road.

It's not quiet either, with engine noise always a problem, though wind and road noise are on a par if not better than some of the opposition.

The Grand Cherokee is now nothing like the early model which left you in little doubt that it was developed as a workhorse. Things are a lot more refined today and while not a cheap option it does cost less spec-for-spec than its main rivals.

Comfortable

Huge, armchair-like seats make it easy to find a comfortable position while the dash is entirely dominated by a huge colour touch screen that's easy to use despite the bewildering array of information on offer.

There's 782 litres of boot space despite the presence of a full-size spare beneath the floor – that's massive and an outstanding feature in the sector. It's disappointing though that there is no seven-seat option.

You do get masses of leg and headroom for all five seats though and comfort levels are a million miles away from those experienced in previous models.

You're pretty safe in a Jeep with front, side, curtain and driver's knee airbags, plus various systems warning you if you're about to have an incident.

Combined fuel consumption figures of 37.7mpg are very impressive, though you won't win many friends these days with omission figures of 198g/km.



'Things are a lot more refined today and while not a cheap option it does cost less spec-for-spec than its main rivals'

There's a top speed of 126mph and 0-62mph in 8.2secs and while fuel bills might be low expect to pay a high cost for insurance with the model sitting in the group 43 level.

On the road, the 3.0litre Summit will set you back just under £50,000 but you do get climate control, automatic wipers, USB and auxiliary inputs, front and rear parking sensors, a rear-view camera, leather upholstery, a powered tailgate, electrically adjustable and heated front seats, and a stereo upgrade.

There's also sat-nav, a sunroof, blind-spot monitor and adaptive cruise control and a 19-speaker Harman Kardon stereo.

You get a real sense of being in control when driving the Grand Cherokee, after all you do look down on most other vehicles. But most of all you do feel safe.

For those used to driving the bigger 3.0-litre models, the wait for the new-look model will probably be worthwhile. Once you have owned a vehicle this size the rest are irrelevant.



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Cae Glas in tense win as chase goes to the wire

CAE GLAS pulled off an exciting 19-run win at Ellesmere in the Shropshire Cricket League division two – despite skipper Keith Yapp’s run of poor form with the coin continuing in a rain reduced game.

Having lost the toss and been invited to bat, the Glas got off to solid start, and at the half way stage in the 35 over contest they had progressed to 85-1, with opener Andy Griffiths leading the way with a well struck 50.

The innings closed in the final over as the visitors were dismissed for 162, all rounder Vansh Bajaj being the pick of the home bowlers with an impressive 7-34.

In reply, the home openers found life difficult against the pace and aggression of Nimantha and, ably supported by Tom Gardener, they soon fell behind the required run-rate.

Yet, while wickets were falling at the other end, Bajaj was up for the chase, capping a great day’s work by stroking an excellent 90, before being the last man out in the penultimate over as Ellesmere were dismissed for 143, leaving Cae Glas to claim a 24 point victory.

Ian Holgate was the pick of the Glas bowlers with 4-31 and Gardener continued his good form with 3-32.

CAE GLAS II secured a tense draw with Allscott II in a rain-shortened match in the reserve division two.

After a rained delayed start that saw the match reduced 30 overs a side, the hard-fought contest was always in the balance right to the last delivery.

Batting first at Gatacre, Simon Wood (28) and Andy Kemp (21 not out) saw Cae Glas scramble to 102-6.

In reply, a hard hitting 57 from opener Tim Clare put Allscott on the verge of victory, but a three-over spell from Pete Bowyer, where he took three wickets for just five runs was enough to secure the draw as Allscott finished on 99-6, four runners short of victory. Nick Cheers also picked up 2-28 from eight overs.

MONTGOMERY slipped to a four wicket defeat at home to Shelton in division one. Electing to bat first, they were dismissed for 160 in the 50th over, Tim Davies providing the chief contribution with 42 and opener Charlie Clinton hitting 28 while there were five wickets for Ross Griffiths.

A solid opening partnership put Shelton on course, Mark Davies making 47 at the top of the order and Ben Matthews 46 not out at No4, while three wickets for Aaron Ruff-cock (3-31 off 10) proved to no avail.

Frankton’s frustration

FRANKTON were denied a much needed win in the Shropshire League premier division by some late resistance as they were forced to settle for a winning draw at Wroxeter Grove.

Looking to climb clear of basement danger, they were bowled out for 180 in the 47th over, thanks to a last wicket stand of 66 between Richard Parry-Jones (38no) and George Dickinson (24).

Frankton looked to be in sight of victory after reducing the opponents to 87-8, Jacob Northwood taking 5-31 off 15 overs. However, they held out for a draw on 139-9, Nick Bevan defiant on 43 not out and Joe Pritchard 27.

Guilfield hold their nerve for last-gasp win

PLUCKY Guilfield snatched a dramatic last ball victory against Quayside to ease their basement concerns in the Shropshire Cricket League division four.

After a fluctuating few weeks, the villagers revived their fortunes as they chased down 185 to win thanks to excellent contributions from George Ryan (54) and Hugh Curteis (67).

Put in to bat, visitors Quayside posted a useful 184-4 from their 40 overs with openers Chris Hurst (58) and Jamie White (70) doing the bulk of the scoring, while David Jones picked up 2-40.

Guilfield made a shaky start in reply with the loss of a couple of wickets before Ryan and Curteis combined for a

match-winning partnership, and Jones also chipped in with 26 as they eventually got home off the last ball.

WHITTINGTON managed a losing draw at high-flying Harpers, closing on 140-6 in response to 219-8 in their 40-overs-a-side match.

Despite two late wickets from Tristan Lloyd, Harpers posted a challenging 219 with Amrut Raut leading the scoring with 74.

Opener Jonathan Mitchell then hit 38 for Whittington, including four sixes, but the visitors came up short in response.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY slipped to a three- loss to division one promotion chasers Alberbury.

Electing to bat first, Knockin were bowled out for 172 in the 50th over, Hugh Morris and Paul Higginson both making 36 in the middle order to bolster the total after their side had been 64-6.

Alberbury’s reply was helped by a 65-run second-stand between skipper Charles Bourne and Mark Jones, who was eventually run out for 63.

Knockin bowled tightly to stay in the hunt, but could not prevent their rivals from getting home with just two balls to spare, Nigel Wellings taking 2-30 off 12 overs.

It was a day to forget for KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II as they crashed to a resounding 192-run defeat at pacesetters

Bomere Heath II in the reserve division two.

Put in to bat, Bomere rattled up 258-5 in 45 overs, with opener Rob Dean making 78 and Paul Bolland 65, while Eric Heath took three wickets for 41 runs.

Knockin were soon in trouble in reply, slumping to 66 all out, with just two players getting into double figures as Andrew Oliver took 4-17.

In division FourA, KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III notched a four-wicket success in a low scoring affair away to Whitchurch III.

Ewan James and Lawrence Hitchen impressed with the ball, taking 4-36 and 3-31 respectively as Whitchurch fell for 80.

Clarke rises to challenge in a Morda Road thriller

IT proved a real thriller as Oswestry’s cricketers lifted themselves out of the relegation zone in the Birmingham League Division One with a last-gasp winning draw against Shifnal at Morda Road.

Mark Robinson’s side needed a daunting 17 off the last over of the match – bowled by former Shropshire opening bowler Jonty Mountford – to gain the winning draw points which would take them above Shifnal in the table.

And in-form batsman Robbie Clarke rose to the challenge, hammering two massive sixes and scrambling a single off the last ball.

The elements had conspired against Oswestry, who had reduced Shifnal to 115-7 after the visitors had elected to bat.

Worcestershire player Graeme Cessford then joined Pakistan Test ace Muhamed Ayub at the crease, and the in-form pair added 59 runs in just six overs.

Ayub stayed to the end, finishing on 84 not out as the visitors closed on 220-9 after their 55 overs.

A rain break of more than an hour during the Shifnal innings had seen 20 overs lopped off the game. This meant Oswestry were left with just 35 overs to bat, making a win practically impossible.

Success However, a revised winning draw target of 174 was within their reach, and Alex Huxley (45) and Warrick Fynn (39) gave them a solid foundation with an opening stand of 77.

A quickfire 21 by Mark Robinson kept them on course, and it was left to Robbie Clarke (41no) to finish the job, which he did in spectacular fashion.

Three days earlier, Oswestry had reached the last eight of the Birmingham League T20 with a comfortable 50-run success at Fordhouses.

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Robbie Clarke (44), Alex Huxley (37) and Mark Robinson (22) led the way as Oswestry reached 138-5 in their 20 overs.

Fordhouses were bowled out for just 88 in reply, with two wickets apiece for Mark Robinson, Sam Huxley, Warrick Fynn and Luke Jones.

The quarter-final will be a trip to Wolverhampton on Wednesday, July 9.

OSWESTRY II turned in a good performance at league leaders Tamworth II, but had to settle for a losing draw in another rain-affected 2nd XI division (north) encounter.

The Morda Road side reached 171-8 off their 50 overs, with Ian Davies hitting 40, Scott Hale 34 and Josh Kirk 26.

A rain break meant Tamworth had a winning draw target of 137, which they reached with seven wickets down. Scott Hale (3-19) and Jonathan Davies (2-23) were the most successful Oswestry bowlers.

OSWESTRY III continued their climb up the Shropshire Cricket League Division Three

table with a resounding nine-wicket win over Llanidloes at Morda Road on Sunday.

Michael O’Reilly took 5-30 and Adam Lloyd 2-24 as Llanidloes were bowled out for just 131.

Dave Shaw (68no), Dave Keighley (34) and Dave Hartshorn (15no) then made light work of chasing the target, reaching 132-1 in just over an hour.

OSWESTRY IV sent a relatively inexperienced side to Forton II, and were happy to play out for losing draw after the home side declared on 218-2 of just 34 overs.

Alex Roberts batted throughout for an unbeaten 73 in the Oswestry reply of 135-3, with Nick Woodcock adding a diligent 23.

■ Oswestry visit league leaders Ombersley on Saturday to round off the first half of the season. The Seconds are at home to Brewood (12.30).

The Thirds travel to St Georges Thirds, and the Fourths take on Shelton Seconds at Morda Road on Sunday (1.30pm).

Cricketers urged to have their say in county survey

CRICKETERS across Shropshire have been urged to have their say on the future shape of the game in the county before it is too late.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is carrying out its second National Cricket Playing Survey.

Already more than 350 Shropshire cricketers have filled in the survey – and the county’s Cricket Board is hoping to more than double that number before the closing date in the middle of next month.

Shropshire Cricket Board spokesman Chris Dirkin said: “It is really easy to complete and takes around 10 minutes.

“There is a Shropshire link on the survey so local people’s opinions are really important.

“We are targeting all involved in cricket aged 14 and above, so that means those who play regularly, those who play occasionally and those who turn out when teams are short.

“We also want to hear from those who

have lapsed due to work and family commitments and retired players and followers so the spectrum is broad.”

The first survey carried out last year led to Shropshire Cricket Board making a number of changes based on the feedback received.

Clubs and Leagues across the County are introducing new competitions, rule changes, different start times, shorter travel distances to matches and greater opportunities for women, girls and people with a disability to play the game.

Chris added: “From Premier League regulars to the occasional, midweek social cricketer, every player, spectator and volunteer is being urged to have their say on all aspects of the recreational game.”

To access the survey to have a say cricketers can use the web link www.ecb.co.uk/playingsurvey2014 or for further information contact Chris Dirkin on chrisdirkin.scb@icloud.com

Ellesmere 41 skipper wins the day



ELLESMERE 41 Club Chairman Ryan Hartley took top honours when his club took on Oswestry 41 Club at golf at The Brow Golf Club. In what is to become an annual ‘Challenge Trophy’, Harpers snatched the best score overall to retain the ‘highest score’ trophy. Our picture shows him (left) being congratulated by Oswestry’s President Geoff Armitage. Oswestry members Dave Thomas, Dave Mathews, Bev Gibbs and Terry Jones secured the best team score, of the two, in an event which ended with a buffet



Some of the Maldwyn Harriers at the Gregynog Trail Race (from left): Jill Hillman, Jenny Evans, Helen Owen, Sharon Lloyd, Rachel Butler, Jacqui Lloyd

Harriers rise to challenge

MALDWYN Harriers’ fell running supremacy Dave Davies scored his second consecutive victory in the Gregynog Trail Race.

Covering the undulating 4.5 mile off-road course in a time of 26.44, Davies was followed home by Brecon’s teen sensation Luke Davies (27.09) with the ever dependable Ian Lowe (Oswestry) third.

his result means that Lowe currently leads the Maldwyn Harriers Race Series rankings for 2014 ahead of Maldwyn’s Ed Davies who finished in fourth place.

The women’s race was won by

Maldwyn’s Jacqui Loxam whose time of 34.37 gave her 11th place overall ahead of Susan Davies of Croft Ambrey and Nicola Davies of Thornbury.

Loxam currently heads the women’s series.

Several Maldwyn runners won their age group categories including: Kaya Saul (M under 20), Sean Clarke (M40), Ed Davies (M55), Steve Orrells (M60), Margio Martin (F50), Jenny Evans (F senior), Claire Abel (F35), Helen Owen (F30), Sharon Lloyd (F45), Rachel Butler (F50), Jill Hillman (F55) and Jackie Lloyd (F60).

PLACINGS

Birmingham League									
Division 1									
	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts		
Ombersley	10	5	1	1	6	10	135		
Smethwick	10	1	1	3	8	8	135		
Bromsgrove	10	1	2	8	8	126			
Wolverhampton	10	1	2	3	11	123			
Barnards Green	10	2	3	7	8	104			
Old Hill	10	1	3	3	6	19	96		
Walsley	10	1	4	3	6	19	96		
Harborne	10	3	4	2	6	16	94		
Moseley	10	2	3	4	9	7	86		
Oswestry	10	1	4	3	8	21	82		
Shifnal	10	2	3	8	9	11	79		
Worbourne	10	1	5	3	6	9	52		
2nd Division 2 (N)									
	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts		
Tamworth	10	5	0	4	3	3	134		
Penn	10	4	1	3	3	4	128		
Smethwick	10	4	2	3	4	125			
Brewstrey	10	4	2	1	24	166			
Milford Hall	10	2	2	3	8	15	114		
Oswestry	10	3	3	2	5	10	111		
Fordhouses	10	3	3	3	3	14	94		
Market Drayton	10	1	2	2	2	27	83		
Worbourne	10	1	3	4	19	15	92		
Whitchurch	10	1	6	2	8	13	75		
Newport	10	0	3	4	10	16	58		
Quatt	10	0	6	6	8	15	33		

Shropshire League									
Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P		
Worfield	10	8	0	1	1	5	198		
Reman Services	10	6	1	2	1	2	170		
Wem	10	5	2	2	1	24	166		
Bomere Heath	10	5	0	3	2	14	140		
Ludlow & SS	10	4	1	2	3	24	132		
Wroxeter Grove	10	4	2	3	1	18	118		
St Georges	10	4	2	3	1	46	117		
Cound	10	3	1	4	2	31	111		
Newtown	10	2	2	4	2	23	90		
Frankton	10	1	2	5	2	27	83		
Albington	10	1	0	6	3	32	67		
Allscott	10	1	0	7	2	29	62		
Division 1									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P		
Madeley	10	8	0	1	1	4	181		
Alberbury	10	6	0	2	2	9	159		
Shelton	10	6	0	3	1	11	156		
Market Drayton	10	6	0	2	2	4	150		
Brossley	10	5	1	1	3	10	147		
Forton	10	2	1	5	2	23	90		
Westpool	10	2	2	4	2	23	86		
Montgomery	10	2	2	4	2	24	85		
Pontesbury	10	2	1	5	2	26	81		
Lilleshall	10	1	2	5	2	32	77		
Knockin & K	10	1	1	5	3	24	70		
Much Wenlock	10	1	0	5	4	8	2		
Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P		
Tibberton	10	6	1	1	2	15	184		
Conover	10	5	3	1	1	19	151		
Beacon	10	5	2	1	2	16	146		
Ellesmere	10	4	2	3	1	25	130		
Cae Glas	10	4	2	3	1	25	130		
Shrewsbury	10	3	1	3	3	20	113		
Wellington	10	3	2	3	2	24	103		
Iscoyd & F B	10	2	2	3	3	31	101		
Wiley	10	2	2	3	3	20	90		
Bishops Castle	10	2	3	4	2	23	76		
Shifnal	10	1	2	5	2	27	66		
Corvedale	10	0	0	8	2	35	44		
Division 3									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P		
Prees	10	3	4	0	3	30	139		
Church Stretton	10	4	4	1	1	25	132		
Wheaton Aston	10	2	4	0	3	35	121		
Church Aston	10	3	4	0	3	21	115		
Oswestry	10	3	2	2	3	18	111		
Llanidloes	10	3	2	2	3	16	108		
Calverhall	10	2	4	2	34	101			
Wroxeter Grove	10	3	2	3	2	22	96		
St Georges	10	2	3	2	3	28	93		
Chelmarsh	10	1	2	4	3	36	84		
Acton Reynald	10	0	2	5	3	39	82		
Newport	10	0	2	6	2	31	43		
Division 4									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P		
Harpers	10	4	3	1	2	33	162		
Ludlow & SS	10	4	1	1	4	16	140		
Overton-on-Dee	10	3	4	1	2	35	140		
Hodnet & Pagnoll	10	4	0	2	13	132			
Trysull & Seaton	10	3	2	2	3	20	111		
Worfield	10	3	2	2	3	18	108		
Wem	10	3	2	2	3	16	104		
Bomere Heath	10	3	1	3	3	14	100		
Ludlow & SS	10	2	3	2	3	24	96		
Wroxeter Grove	10	2	3	2	3	22	92		
St Georges	10	2	3	2	3	20	88		
Cound	10	2	2	3	3	18	84		
Newtown	10	2	2	3	3	16	80		
Frankton	10	2	1	3	4	14	76		
Albington	10	1	2	4	3	12	72		
Allscott	10	1	1	4	4	10	68		

Beautiful weather sees the records fall

RECORDS tumbled as riders tested themselves over 19 miles in the latest round of the Oswestry Paragon Stuart Barkley time trials series.

Josh Williams and Jimmy Kershaw lowered the overall and junior bars respectively in a race that also formed part of the inter-club SB Sports Injuries and Physiotherapy Series.

In-form Williams made no mistake with a tremendous ride of 42 minutes 27 seconds to knock one minute and two seconds off Dave Griffiths' 2013 mark.

Despite a strong headwind, conditions were glorious on the T-shaped Queen's Head-Gobowen-Ellesmere course including a hard climb to Welsh Frankton.

"I was pleased with my time, though it's not my favourite course if I'm being honest!" said Williams. "It was quite hard on the out leg with a strong headwind." He led home Paramount CRT rider Matt Davies by 1.05 on the evening.

However, there was another astounding effort in third place overall with 17-year-old Jimmy Kershaw grabbing the junior course record in 43.42 ahead of Mid Shropshire Wheeler teammate George Evans, 34 seconds back.

Kershaw said: "I was really surprised. Really happy afterwards and hope to get the overall record one day!"

Wrekinsport's Steve York was fifth in 44.44 ahead of teammate Jason Harland (45.51) and OO Tri's Oli Blake (46.42). Fastest Paragon rider was Andrew Davies (49.11) who finished ahead of his brother Stephen (55.59).

Just one woman competed, Helen Tudor pleased with her effort of 56.36.

The club also ran their usual 10-mile competition with victory going to Jayson Rees-Hughes of Chester RC in 23.24 ahead of Colin Elgie of TriSmart (23.58) and Will Pickles of Mid Shropshire Wheelers (24.21).

Ladies are beaten in close call

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's Ladies second team suffered a narrow Shropshire League loss at their nearest rivals Criffrins.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Carol Slater and Speth Cumpston played two very tight sets against the Criffrins first pair which they just edged 6-4, 6-4.

The second pair of Julie Phillips and Linda Clark then lost their opening rubber in straight set 3-6, 3-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Slater and Cumpston got a flying start taking the first set 6-0 but found themselves 4-0 down in the second set before they regrouped and took the set to a tie break which they lost 6-7.

In the deciding third set tie break, they took an early lead and soon found themselves 8-2 up before the Criffrins second pair pegged it back to 8-6 but the Oswestry ladies held on gallantly to take it 1-0 (10-6).

In their second match, Phillips and Clark went down 5-7 in the first set and lost the second 0-6.

With the result at two rubbers each the result was decided on sets won with Criffrins taking six points to Oswestry's two.

Hall tops the charts as leaders win again

JIM HALL is flying high at the top of the division three averages in the Oswestry and District Bowling League after notching his 10th win of the campaign for leaders Ellesmere B.

Hall, beaten just once this term, turned in a 21-8 card to help his side move a point clear at the summit with an 8-2 (159-113) win at basement side CHURCH C.

Mike Edwards also won to eight, and Alf Johnson to 11, while Church's two replies saw Wendy Humphreys and Martin Williams prevail to 15 and 18 respectively.

ELLESMERE A are one behind in second place following their 7-3 home verdict over Johnstown D, taking the shots by 47. Courtney Metcalfe won 21-5 while Dennis Jones was a 21-8 victor, chalking up his eighth win of the season.

WHITTINGTON B are up to third after securing a 7-3 (157-124) home verdict over

Plas Kynaston A. Brian Sinker's 21-6 success his ninth win in 10 outings.

Ivor Davies made his mark with a 21-7 win for WHITTINGTON E, but his side suffered a narrow 6-4 reverse at Royston A, who took the shots by 10 (134-124). Jacqui Whitley won 21-12.

WESTON RHYN C are third-bottom following their 7-3 (155-107) loss at Ceiriog Valley B, John Gale their best to 11.

FOX LANE, second, stayed in sight of the division four leaders after completing an 8-2 (143-116) home success over Ceiriog Valley C, Mike Flanagan winning to three.

Closest match of the night saw LLANRHAEADR C finish 5-5 at home to LLANFYLLIN A after taking the shots by just two (142-140). Mel Jones won well 21-7 for the home side, while Sue Samaraweera was the pick of the replies to 12.

LLANYMYNECH B prop up the table

after their 8-2 (150-107) beating by WESTON RHYN B whose Patrick Bubb secured a 21-0 whitewash. Peter Plunkett and Bill Evans won to seven and nine respectively, with Kevin Jones (21-10) replying.

LLANRHAEADR D slipped to third in division five following a 7-3 (150-135) loss at CHURCH D whose Tony Dart (21-4) and Pat Brayne (21-9) spearheaded the victory with Steve Fox (21-11) the pick of the replies.

Cynwyd B are second, but were made to work hard before clinching a 6-4 home success over bottom club WHITTINGTON D, taking the shots by eight (143-135).

Johnstown F are two points clear at the top after their 7-3 (156-125) verdict against WHITTINGTON C, whose Phil Jones was the best of their winners to 14.

LLANRHAEADR B suffered a 9-1 (163-111) beating at Royston A, Doreen Barnes

(21-16) getting their consolation victory.

In division six, LLANRHAEADR B eased their basement worries with an 8-2 (146-130) home verdict over LLANFYLLIN B, David France winning 21-7 while Huw Jones replied to six for the visitors.

Results, Division Two: Johnstown C 6 Llangollen A 4 (144-140).

Division Three: Ceiriog Valley B 7 Weston Rhyn C 3 (155-107), Church C 2 Ellesmere B 8 (113-159), Ellesmere A 7 Johnstown D 3 (153-116), Fleksys B 6 Chirk B 4 (132-116), Royston A 6 Whittington E 4 (134-124), Whittington B 7 Plas Kynaston 3 (157-124).

Division Four: Fox Lane 8 Ceiriog Valley C 2 (143-116), Llangnog C 6 Corwen B 4 (155-145), Llanrhaeadr C 5 Llanfyllin A 5 (142-140), Overton B 8 Llangollen B 2 (157-122), Ruabon B 8 Bersham 2 (151-119), Weston Rhyn B 8 Llanymynech B 2 (150-107).

Division Five: Chirk C 9 Criffrins D 1 (158-106), Church D 7 Llanrhaeadr D 3 (150-135), Cynwyd B 6 Whittington D 4 (143-138), Plas Kynaston B 6 Overton C 4 (140-140), Royston B 9 Llanrhaeadr B 1 (163-111), Whittington C 3 Johnstown F 7 (125-156).

Division Six: Johnstown E 10 Cynwyd C 0 (168-122), Llangnog B 4 Weston Rhyn E 6 (132-135), Llanrhaeadr E 8 Llanfyllin B 2 (146-130), Ruabon C 9 Church E 1 (159-73).

PLACINGS

Oswestry & District Bowls League

DIVISION 1			
	P	W	L
Johnstown A.....	11	10	1
Ceiriog Valley A.....	11	6	4
Ruabon A.....	11	7	4
Whittington A.....	11	6	5
Criffrins A.....	11	6	5
Chirk AAA A.....	11	5	6
Cynwyd A.....	11	6	5
Johnstown B.....	11	2	8
Corwen A.....	11	2	8
Llanymynech A.....	11	1	9

DIVISION 2			
	P	W	L
Llangollen A.....	11	8	3
Overton A.....	11	7	4
Llanrhaeadr A.....	11	6	5
Ye Olde Crofte A.....	11	6	5
Johnstown C.....	11	6	5
George.....	10	4	5
Criffrins B.....	11	4	7
Weston Rhyn A.....	11	3	7
Black Lion.....	11	3	7
Church B.....	10	4	6

DIVISION 3			
	P	W	L
Ellesmere B.....	11	8	2
Whittington B.....	11	9	2
Plas Kynaston A.....	11	7	4
Whittington E.....	11	5	6
Johnstown D.....	11	5	6
Chirk AAA B.....	11	5	6
Royston A.....	11	5	6
Ceiriog Valley B.....	11	5	6
Weston Rhyn C.....	11	3	8
Fleksys B.....	11	7	4
Church C.....	11	2	9

DIVISION 4			
	P	W	L
Ruabon B.....	11	10	1
Fox Lane.....	11	8	2
Bersham.....	11	8	3
Ceiriog Valley C.....	11	6	5
Llangollen B.....	11	6	5
Llanrhaeadr C.....	11	5	6
Overton B.....	11	3	7
Llanfyllin A.....	11	4	6
Corwen B.....	11	4	6
Llangnog C.....	11	4	7
Weston Rhyn B.....	11	4	7
Llanymynech B.....	11	3	7

DIVISION 5			
	P	W	L
Johnstown F.....	11	8	1
Cynwyd B.....	11	8	3
Llanrhaeadr D.....	11	6	4
Overton C.....	11	6	4
Plas Kynaston B.....	11	6	4
Church D.....	11	6	4
Criffrins D.....	11	5	6
Llanrhaeadr B.....	11	5	6
Royston B.....	11	3	6
Chirk AAA C.....	11	3	7
Whittington D.....	11	7	4
Whittington E.....	11	1	9

DIVISION 6			
	P	W	L
Ruabon C.....	9	7	2
Ye Olde Crofte B.....	9	6	3
Weston Rhyn D.....	9	6	3
Johnstown E.....	9	5	4
Llangnog B.....	9	4	5
Weston Rhyn E.....	9	4	5
Church E.....	9	4	5
Llanfyllin B.....	9	3	6
Llanrhaeadr E.....	9	1	7
Cynwyd C.....	9	3	5

Flowit Shropshire Premier Bowling League

PWINGW Avg Pts			
	P	W	L
Newport.....	13	11100	498
Sir J Bayley.....	12	9	83
Meole Brace.....	11	7	83
Castletown.....	12	8	138
Wern USC.....	13	7	81
St Georges.....	13	6	82
Hadley USC.....	13	7	75
Burway.....	12	6	66
Chester Road.....	10	6	64
Arch W'ton.....	13	4	67
Bowring.....	12	4	63
Ifton.....	10	5	57
Wrock Wood.....	12	4	57
Bylet.....	12	2	47

Tennis Shropshire Summer Doubles League

Men's Doubles Group 1			
	P	W	L
Bridgnorth 1.....	5	3	2
Team Mosaic 2.....	5	3	2
Criffrins 1.....	2	0	2
Hollies 1.....	4	1	3
Claverley 1.....	3	0	3

Group 3			
	P	W	L
Boughay Gdns 3.....	3	3	0
Baschurch 1.....	3	3	0
Cound 1.....	2	0	2
Shifnal 2.....	2	0	2
Church S'ton 1.....	2	1	1
Cound 2.....	2	1	1
Woodfield 4.....	2	1	1
Albrighton 1.....	2	1	1
Oswestry TT.....	0	0	0

Women's Doubles Group 1			
	P	W	L
Shrewsbury 1.....	6	4	2
Bridgnorth 1.....	3	0	3
Oswestry 1.....	4	2	2
Boughay Gdns 1.....	2	0	2
Team Mosaic 1.....	2	0	2
Hollies 1.....	5	2	3
Woodfield 1.....	3	2	1
Cound 1.....	2	0	2
Baschurch 1.....	2	0	2

Ifton suffer wet Friday

HEAVY rain put a dampener on Ifton's battle to climb clear of the Flowit Shropshire Premier Bowls League basement zone as their fixture Meole Brace was postponed due to a waterlogged green.

Still lying third from bottom, the St Martins side will be hoping for a drier night when they host Archibald Worthington on Friday night, with the visitors lying just a few places above.

High fives from Wilde as New Saints hit goal trail

FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

Aberystwyth Town 3 The New Saints 6
STRIKER Mike Wilde produced a five star display as The New Saints stepped up their Champions League preparations with an emphatic pre-season victory over Aberystwyth.

After their 6-1 opening friendly win against Cefn Druids, the Saints continued their rich vein of form in front of goal as Wilde fired five of the goals in the 6-3 success at their Welsh Premier rivals.

TNS started the better of the two sides with both Ryan Fraughan and Ryan Edwards going close to breaking the deadlock, before Wilde made the breakthrough midway through the half with a cool finish from eight yards.

The marksman added a second on 27 minutes when firing home after being released by Fraughan and completed his hat-trick two minutes later when heading home.

The goals continued to flow as Aber pulled one back through Mark Jones on 32 minutes, but the half ended with Wilde again finding the net for the visitors to make it 4-1 four minutes before the break.

Wilde was not finished there, with the striker bagging his fifth goal just 20 seconds in the second half before being replaced by Greg Draper who also got in on the act to add No6 with a terrific finish.

Success

Aber, who themselves are competing in the Europa League this summer, then pulled back two late goals through Mark Jones (81) and sub Jamie Butler (85), but could not deny the Saints on a day that belonged to Wilde.

Meanwhile, a former member of the TNS Scholarship Programme, John McKenna is the latest arrival at Welsh Premier side Rhyl. The 24-year-old midfielder made his Welsh Premier debut with the Saints at 17 and became a valuable member of the first-team squad at Park Hall.

His six goals from 31 (+24) appearances included a winner at Neath deep into stoppage time in March 2010 in the run-in to the club's title success under Andy Cale.

McKenna, who had trials with Ipswich and Preston North End during his time with TNS, was loaned to Newtown in August 2010, making 13 WPL starts and scoring one, before returning to Park Hall the following January.

Released by TNS in May 2011, he joined Colwyn Bay and arrives at Belle Vue from his last club, Warrington Town.

Ellesmere swim duo get GB call

TWO Ellesmere College Titans swimmers are celebrating after being picked for the British team – but one found herself at the heart of selection controversy.

Harriet Rothwell and Olivia Gardner, both 15, were both a part of the Great North swims Elite race in Windermere, the Lake District.

The event was especially significant, as it doubled up as qualification for the European Junior Championships being held in Croatia during July.

Rothwell finished an impressive third and Gardner a creditable seventh, in their age bracket.

But Rothwell was initially told she had not made it through the process for the European Juniors, even though she had beaten selected athletes.

Frustrated coaches up and down the country lobbied for common sense and fair policy, with the original decision being discussed in depth.

Now Rothwell, who started her swimming at Tewkesbury Swimming Club, has received news she will be involved in the tournament after all.

Head coach Alan Bircher said: "I am over the moon for Hattie. The whole focus for her has been the preparation for the race in Windermere. Hattie has stood up under the



Famous five – The New Saints striker Mike Wilde, who bagged five goals in the match, attempts to deliver a cross during the first-half of the 6-3 victory at Aberystwyth. Pictures: Stuart Townsend.



Antonio Corbisiero and TNS midfielder Sam Finley

Ex-Saint eyes Euro progress

DERRY City's former TNS goalkeeper Gerard Doherty has greeted his club's Europa League draw with Aberystwyth Town with delight, given his involvement in the Welsh Premier with the Saints between 2001 and 2007.

But the 31-year-old Ulster-born stopper erred on the side of caution when it was suggested that the Candy Stripes would be warm favourites to win the match.

"It's a great draw for both teams," Doherty said "The thought of having to travel for five or six hours to the back end of nowhere is gone, so from that point of view I'm absolutely delighted.

"And having played in the Welsh League for six years with TNS, I'm also delighted to be going back.

"While at TNS, Aber were always considered our bogey team, they were tough to play against, particularly at home so I would expect a tough game.

"I've kept in touch with a few players at TNS and I've been told the Welsh League continues to improve, so I would expect Aberystwyth Town to be up for the challenge."

Doherty made 146 Welsh Premier appearances, including two for Barry Town during a brief loan spell, and has considerable European experience.

He played once against Manchester City in the UEFA Cup and in both legs of the Saints' Champions League ties against Liverpool, when he was hailed by Reds' boss Rafa Benitez for his performances.

Is it a winnable tie for his home town club?
"I think every game in the first qualifying round in the Europa League must be considered winable," he added.

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Welshpool facing a derby-day showdown

WELSHPOOL'S cricketers face a crunch Powys derby with Montgomery at Maesdyre on Saturday as they look to maintain their climb in the Shropshire League division one.

Last week's convincing 10-wicket win at rock-bottom Much Wenlock lifted Pool well clear of the basement places, putting them in good stead for this week-end's encounter.

"Montgomery need the points as much as us, but it's a game we're targeting," said vice-captain Joe Birch.

"We've been putting runs on the board and, if we keep batting like we have done, then we've always got a chance as we always fancy ourselves to bowl and field well."

"We're on a bit of a run, but we now need to keep it going."

For the second week in a row, the openers set up the win with Paul Chapman and Birch posting a century stand.

Chasing 136, they eased home without loss, Chapman finishing 62 not out and Birch undefeated on 58.

It was a surprisingly comfortable win after Wenlock had looked poised to post a formidable total after racing to 100-2.

But once Richard Bill was dismissed for 73, the first of five victims for off-spinner Birch (5-12), the rest of the innings subsided to 136 all out.

"Although they were bottom, we were not sure how good they were as they had 50 points deducted earlier in the season," added Birch.

"We were a bit concerned when they reached 100-2 after 20 overs, but the bowlers fought back well."

Montgomery will also be keen to pick up a healthy haul of points following their six-wicket loss to Shelton that saw them slip below Pool in the table.

Guils given home start

GUILDSFIELD, currently looking for a new manager, face new boys Llandrindod Wells at home in the opening match of next season's Cymru Alliance.

Llandrindod have stepped up after lifting the Spar Mid Wales League division one crown last term, pipping second placed Llanfair United in the process.

After taking on the Wellmen, the Guils embark on a trek to Anglesey when they visit Holyhead Hotspur.

Tough trip for improving Oswestry

HAVING moved out of the relegation zone, Oswestry put their recent improvements to the test when they round off the first half of the Birmingham Cricket League division one season at high-riding Ombersley on Saturday.

Back-to-back winning draws have lifted the Morda Road men up to third from bottom, but points promise to be hard-earned against a Worcestershire side joint top of the table.

The absence of key all-rounder Warrick Fynn, who gets married this week, will be a big loss, but captain Mark Robinson says his

side can go into the clash in good heart.

"Ombersley are very strong, with good players, so it's good to go there on the back of two positive results," he said.

"We don't fear anyone in this league, and we won't be fearing Ombersley. We need to keep accumulating points, and at the same time stop teams getting points."

"To be without Warrick will be a big loss for us, it's like losing two players."

"But we've got Joe Carrasco back to open the batting, and we've got six spin bowlers in the side, so

it will give someone else a chance."

Oswestry leapfrogged Shifnal to climb out of the bottom two by three points last week after securing a thrilling last over winning draw in a rain-affected affair.

Shifnal had posted 220-9 before rain saw Oswestry's innings reduced to 35 overs, making a win virtually impossible, with a revised winning draw target of 174 a more realistic aim.

With 17 needed off the last over to take the winning draw, in-form batsman Robbie Clarke rose to the challenge to take his side to that total by hammering two sixes and

scrambling a single off the last ball to finish unbeaten on 41.

"I can't speak highly enough of Robbie who has been a shining light in the last two weeks," added Robinson.

"His batting has been outstanding, and had we chased like that at the start of the season, then we would have been in the top three and not the bottom three."

Oswestry will be hoping to stay on the trail of some silverware when they visit Wolverhampton in the quarter-final of the Birmingham League T20 Knockout next Wednesday (July 9).

Changes at Welshpool

WELSHPOOL Town have named a new chairman and president and announced a partnership with the town's junior football club.

Dean Gill is the new chairman of the Spar Mid Wales League division one side, while former chairman Brian Jones moves into the president's role, following the death of Tegwyn Evans.

The club has merged with Welshpool Juniors and a reserve team will play in the Montgomeryshire League.

Church left to reflect as chances go begging

CHURCH A were left to reflect on what might have been after losing 7-3 at home to high flying Johnstown A in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one.

The Oswestry side had their chances to have taken the spoils, were 2-2 after the front four, but were pipped by just two shots to the title-chasers who are now nine points clear.

"We should have won, at least 6-4 maybe 7-3," said disappointed captain Travis Stokes who took his match to 12 while Cheryl Weaver stepped up to win 21-14.

LLANYMYNECH A fell further adrift at the foot of the table after crashing 9-1 (162-89) at Flexsys A, Henry Pugh providing the one bright note with a 21-15 verdict.

WHITTINGTON A lost ground on the leaders after succumbing 8-2 at Cynwyd A, losing the aggregate by 19, their two wins coming from Ben Hampson (21-12) and skipper Aled Davies (21-15).

CRIFTINS A suffered more misery on the road, going down 8-2 (154-115) at Johnstown B, Dave Edwards and Gary Wilkie getting their replies, both to 14. Second placed Ceiriog Valley lost 7-3 (149-131) to Chirk A while Ruabon A were 7-3 (159-106) winners against Corwen A.

WESTON RHYN A are up to second in division two with their 7-3 (146-121) home success against BLACK LION.

Andrew Riley won to seven, Pip Penrose not far behind to eight while Mike Jones (21-12) was the pick of the responses for Lion who had been 2-2 at the half way mark.

CHURCH B had a tremendous 8-2 (23 shots) win at YE OLDE CROFTE A, helped by single figure cards from Merv Weaver (21-7) and Dave Milner (21-9).

LLANRHAEDR A lost 7-3 (150-135) at Llangynog A, Steve Jones 21-7 while youngster David France won 21-18. Phil Laker (21-5) and Pete Corfield (21-7) set up GEORGE'S 6-4 (145-129) success at CRIFTINS B.

THE New Saints head to Belfast on Saturday as they tune up their UEFA Champions League preparations with a tasty friendly at Danske Bank high-fliers Cliftonville.

After hitting six goals in each of their first two friendlies against Cefn Druids and Aberystwyth Town, the Saints can make the trip to Northern Ireland in fine fettle.

It will be their last run-out before their Champions League second qualifying round tie at Slovakian outfit SK Slovan Bratislava on Tuesday, July 15.

And manager Craig Harrison will be hoping his players can maintain the momentum after winning 6-3 at Welsh Premier rivals Aberystwyth Town in last Saturday's friendly, in which Mike Wilde scored five of the goals.

Cliftonville will certainly provide stiff opposition as they also feature in Champions League action later this month when they tackle Hungarian side Debreceni.

This weekend's rivals are no strangers, with the Saints winning 1-0 in a friendly last season, while three years ago they defeated the Belfast side 2-1 on aggregate in the Europa League.

"It's the ideal game to have at this stage as we know it will be a big test for us," said Harrison. "But we're looking sharp, everyone's been working hard over the last four weeks and everything's gone to plan so far."

"The whole squad have now had 90 minutes under their belts, and we can now focus on Saturday which is our last friendly before the Champions League."

"We knew Aberystwyth would be a tough game for

by John Bridgwater

us as they are just a few days away from their Europa league match, so it was a pleasing all round performance from our point of view.

"We looked sharp up going forward, Mike Wilde scored five, he could have one or two more, and Greg Draper also scored with a great finish."

Forward Alex Darlington has played a part in the opening two friendlies, and showed no reaction following the broken foot that kept him out of the latter stages of last season.

Winger Jamie Mullan is the only concern as he requires a hernia operation at some stage, but he may still figure in the European venture.

"He's not 100 per cent

fit, and we're just waiting to see when he needs the operation," added Harrison.

"But he did brilliantly at the end of last season, and we're hopeful he may play some part in the next few weeks."

The Saints chief still has hope of bringing in a new signing although his options are now narrowing with time running out.

The Saints are away in the first leg of their Champions League second round qualifier at Slovan Bratislava's Pasienky Stadium on July 15 (7.15 GMT).

The return leg takes place at Rhyl a week later on Tuesday, July 22 (6.45pm). Tickets will be priced at £20, however, they can be purchased for £10 by either club members or season ticket holders.

Saints are hit by FA fine

THE FA of Wales has fined The New Saints £5,000 after a disciplinary charge against the Welsh Premier champions was found proven.

A supporter or supporters were found guilty of throwing flares/smoke bombs on to the pitch during a Premier League match with Bangor City at Nantporth Stadium on April, 18. As a result, the disciplinary panel decided that the club be fined £5,000, some £4,000 of which is to remain suspended until the end of the 2014/15 season.

Frankie wins in front of the Queen



Frankie Lee and Billy (centre with flag) flying the winning flag for Wales

A YOUNG rider from Oswestry's Bervyn and Dee Pony Club has won the coveted International Mounted Games Championship at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.

Representing Wales along with her five team-mates, Frankie Lee (14) and her pony Billy had the audience gripped in a closely fought competition featuring teams from England, Wales, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Frankie and her team received their prizes from none other than HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, who watched the excitement from the ringside along with the Queen, who is said to love the thrill of the mounted games.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Frankie. "Galloping down the arena flying the Welsh flag in front of the Royal family was the most amazing feeling ever."

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